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## ¶ An acte concernynge the kynges generall pardon. Ca. i.



He kyng our souerayne lord calling to his blessed & most gracious remembraunce þ̄ dayly & manyfolde daungers wherin his good & louyng subiects of this his realme of England do & may incurre by thynges done p̄petrated & com̄pted contrary to þ̄ ord̄e of his lawes. hauyng alway tender eye / with mercy / p̄te / & compas̄yon toward his said subiectes / myndyng of his high goodnes & great benignyte / so alway to impart þ̄ same vnto thē / as iustyce beyng dayly admynistred all rygour be excluded / & þ̄ great & beniuolēt myndes of þ̄ kyngs said subiects largely & many tymes approued toward his highnes by correspondēce of gratitude reacquited of his mere moeyon / benignyte / & liberalyte / by auctozite of his parlyament / hath gyuen & graūted his lyberall & free p̄don to his said good & louyng subiects & to euery of thē to be had takē & enioyned to & by thē & euery of thē by vertue of this p̄sent act in maner & forme ensuyng. ¶ That is to wyt / þ̄ kyngs highnes of his said benignyte & hygh lyberalite is full & resolutely cōtēted & plealed þ̄ it be ord̄eyned / establiſhed / & enacted by auctozite of this his said p̄liament / þ̄ all and euery of his said subiectes as well spirytual as tēporall / þ̄ heires / successours / executours & administratours of thē & euery of thē / & all & siguler bodyes in any maner of wyse corporat / cyties / boroughes / shires / rydynges / hūdr̄es / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / towneſ / byllages / & tythynge / & euery of thē þ̄ successours & þ̄ successour of euery of thē shalbe by þ̄ auctozite of this p̄sent p̄lyamēt / acquyted / pardoned / releasēd / & discharged agaynst his highnes / his heir / successours / & executours / & euery of thē of all & all maner offenc̄ / cōtēptes / trespass / wōdges / deceites / misdemenours / forfetours / penalt̄ / & p̄ofyt / lūmes of money / paynes of deth / & paynes of corporal & pecuniary / & generally of all other thyng / causes / quarels / lutes / iugemēt / & executiōs in this p̄sent act herafter nat excepted nor forp̄ysed / which may be or cā be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meane p̄doned / befoze & vnto þ̄ last day of þ̄ moneth of Octobre in the. xxi. yere of his most noble rayne, to euery of his said subiects bodies corporat, cyties, boroughes, shires, rydyng, hūdr̄es, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, towneſ, byllages, & tythynge, or to any of thē. And also þ̄ kynges highnes is cōtēted þ̄ it be enacted by auctozite of this p̄sent p̄lyament, that this said fre p̄dō shalbe as good & effectual in þ̄ law to euery of his said subiectes of this his realme & to all & euery of the said bodies corporat, cyties, boroughes, shires, rydyng, hūdr̄es, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, towneſ, byllages & tythynge, & to euery of thē by these general wordes befoze reherſed in al thynges whiche be nat herafter excepted, as þ̄ said p̄don sholde haue ben if al offenc̄es, cōtēptes, forfetours, causes, maters, lutes, quarels, iugemētes, executiōs, penalt̄es, & all other thynges nat herafter excepted, had be p̄ertyculerly, syngulerly, specyally, & playnly pardoned, named, reherſed, and specyfyed, by propre or exp̄elle wordes & names in thei kyndes, natures, and qualytes in wordes & termes therevnto requylyte in the said p̄don, & þ̄ his said subiectes nor any of thē thei heires, executours, or administratours, nor þ̄ heires / executours, or administratours of any of thē, nor any of the said bodies corporat, cyties, boroughes,

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bynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, byllages, and tythynges, of any of them shall be in any wyle arested, attached, distrayned, sommoned, o: o: therwyle vexed troubled, o: greued in their bodies landes, tenementes goodes, o: cattels, o: in any of the, fo: o: bycause of any maner of thyng, acquitted, pardoned, released, o: discharged by this present acte of free pardon, he so offendyng & therof lawfully condempned, shall yelde & pay fo: recourence therof to the partye so greued o: offended, treble damages, accopted as pcell of those damages, all coltes of p: sute, and neuerthelesse all & synguler luche wyttes, procelle, extractes, & preceptes made o: to be made, fo: o: vpon any maner thyng, acquitted, pardoned, released, o: discharged by this present acte of free pardon shall be vriterly voyde & of none effecte. ¶ Except alway & forpyled out of this pardon all maner of hygh treason, all prepenied & voluntary murders, & all robberyes of churches, & robberyes done vpon mens pions all other felonyes & robberyes by the comon law, of felonous takyng of any money good, o: cattels, aboue the value of. xx. s. all felonous brennyng of houies al carnall rauylthmētēs of women, all rasynge of recordes, all outlarpyes of hyghe treason, & of al maner of felonies other thā fellontes to p: said value of. xx. s. o: vnder p: some ¶ And that all other outlarpyes had o: promulged bpō o: agaynst any pion o: pions fo: any cause nat beyng treason, murder, felony, aboue the laid sūme of. xx. s. to be pardoned by p: generall wordes of this ydon aforesaid, so alway p: the same pions & euery of them stande to right to answer o: satisfye the pte at whole sute he is outlawed accordyng to the lawes of this realme. ¶ Also excepted & forpyled out of this pardon all offences & contemptes comytte & done agaynst the statute o: statutes of p:rouision & premunire, o: any of them, & all forfeitures & tytles that may growe to the kynges highnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, & al tytles & accōs of quare impedit, & all rauylthmētēs of p: kynges wardes, all wastes of p: kynges woodes in his forrestes, parkes, o: chales, all conceymentes of customes & subledies, all ryots, routes, & vnlaifull assemblies comytte & done aboue the nōbe of. xx. pions. ¶ And also excepte & forpyled out of th: ydon, all issues & pfites, fynes & other penalties, fo: inclosures of landes & issues, profites, fynes, & other penalties, fo: decays of houses of husbandry yf p: the same inclosures be nat reformed, & the lādes put in tyllage o: the said houses nat reedifyed before p: last day of Septēbre next comyng. ¶ And also except al maner of alienaciōs & giffes into mortmayn, o: to chuse of any maner of mortmayn, & all intrusions, had, made, o: done, in any maners, landes, tenementes, o: other hereditamētēs sythen the fest of saynt Myghel p: archāgell, which was in the. xx. yere of the reygne of our said souerayn lorde. ¶ And also all offences comytte by dyggyng downe o: castyng downe of any crolle o: crosses whiche stode o: were set in any comon o: high way o: ways, and all and synguler dettes other than dettes growē vpon recognisaūces beyng all redy forfeited fo: suerte of p: peas, o: fo: apparaūce at any day o: place. ¶ And excepted & forpyled out of this ydon all accomptes & all accōs, lutes, & impeticiōs fo: p: same accōpt: & arrearages of accōptes, & fo: p: said dettes o: any of them here by excepted & forpyled. All homages & reueffes, al wylful escapes aswel of cōuictes as other, dettes whiche were due to the most noble kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the. viij. o: to any pion o: pions to his ble by any condemnacion, recognisaunce, obligacion, o: otherwyle, ¶ All & synguler those forfeitures due to our souerayn lorde kyng Hēry p: viij. by any penall statute o: statutes whiche be cōuerted ito p: nature of det by iugemēt o: by agrement of p: offenders be



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fore þ þyſt day of this preſent pliament / & all forfeitures & other penalties & moſt growe oꝝ due by reaſon of any offence oꝝ acte comytted oꝝ done contrary to any ſtatute oꝝ ſtatut / oꝝ contrary to þ comon lawe wherof any ſealure is made / oꝝ any information gyven in þ kyngs elchequer oꝝ any ſute there comenſed befoꝝ þ ſaid þyſt day of this pliament / oꝝ wherof þ kyngs hyghnes by his byll ſpygned oꝝ otherwyſe here tofoꝝe hath made any gfyte oꝝ alſygnemēt to any of his ſeruautes / & alſo excepted all yllues forfeited fynes / amerchemētes / aſſerred / tared / let / extreted / oꝝ iuged ſeuerally / & pertyculerly / extēdyng to þ ſūme of .C. s. oꝝ aboue þ ſūme. And þ all & ſynguler other fynes alſwell fynes (pro licētia cōcordādi) as other / & all other yllues & amerchemētes alſwell reall as other / whiche ſeuerally oꝝ ptyculerly extēde nat to þ ſaid ſūme of .C. s. whether they be totted oꝝ nat totted takē to þ charge of þ ſhyryf / oꝝ nat takē to his charge extreted / oꝝ nat extreted / whether they be toꝝned into det oꝝ nat det / & nat beynge leuyed noꝝ receiued by any ſhyryf / oꝝ ſhyryf / baylif / miniſters / oꝝ other officers ſhal be fully clere & playnly pdone & diſcharged agaynſt þ kyng our ſouerayn lord his heires & ſucceſſours foꝝ euer. And it is further enacted by þ auctozite afoꝝelaid þ in caſe it be objected to any ſhyryf oꝝ ſhyryfs / oꝝ other accōptates in þ kyngs court of elchequer / oꝝ in any other his courtes / þ any ſhyryf oꝝ ſhyryfs / oꝝ other officers accomptant hath receyued oꝝ taken any ſuch fynes / yllues oꝝ a merchemētes befoꝝe pdone releaſed & acquyted / þ than euery ſuch ſhyryf & ſhyryfs & other accomptauntes ſhal be diſcharged / releaſed / pardoned / and acquyted therof by his oꝝ their othe / without any further tꝝpall in that behalfe.

God ſaue the kyng.

An acte that abiured persons ſhall be marked in the ryght hande with the ſygne of an A.

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And it enacted by the kyng our ſouerayn lord & the lordes ſpirytual & tempoꝝall / & the comons in this preſent pliament aſſembled & by auctozite of the ſame / þ yf any pſon take ſentwarie in any church churchyarde / oꝝ other holy place / foꝝ felonye oꝝ murder / where he ought by þ lawes & cuſtomes of this realme to haue his abiuraciō foꝝ the ſame / þ thā þ ſame felon oꝝ murderer ſhal take his abiuraciō & paſſage out of the ſame church / churchyarde / oꝝ other holy place / at ſuche a day and tyme as ſhal be lymyted to hym by the coroner of the ſhyre oꝝ place wherin he taketh ſuche ſentwarie / & þ the coroner immediatly after his confeſſiō & befoꝝe his abiuraciō ſhal cauſe euery ſuch felon oꝝ murderer to be marked w an hote yꝝo bpō þ bꝝawne of þ thōbe of þ right hāde w the ſigne of an A. to þ entent he may be þ better knowē amōge the kyngs ſubiect / þ he was abiured. And than to gyue him his abiuraciō / & to be bleſed in all other thyngs as hath ben accuſtomed. And þ all mayres / baylyfs / & cōſtables ſhal be attēdaūt at þ cōmaūdemēt of þ coroner foꝝ þ due execuciō therof / as they wyl anſwere at their pꝝels to þ kyngs hyghnes foꝝ þ ſame. And if any felon oꝝ murder þ ought to haue any ſuch abiuraciō reſuſe to take his paſſage out of þ ſaid ſentwarie at ſuch tyme as ſhall be lymyted to him by þ ſaid coroner / þ thā þ ſaid felon oꝝ murderer ſo reſuſyng / ſhall loſe þ benefyte of the ſame ſentwarie / & be taken out of þ ſame & comytted to piſon / & further to be oꝝdred foꝝ his offence after his merytes without any reſtytuciō to ſentwarie foꝝ the ſame.

An acte concernynge abydgementes of playntiffes in aſſyſe.

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As moche as aſſyſes whiche haue be thought þ moost ſpedy remedy / be now by occaſyon of pledyng of many barres to moꝝtes / & parties of the lādes put in bewe

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In howe any playnt / greatly delayed for diffuinites & dilatory of pledyng. And one cause therof is / because p playntys in euery anyse from hem forth may at his plesure / seuer & abyde his playnt / of any parte o; partes wherunto any barre is pleded by / moys in lyue maner as he myght do in rale p pless in darre had he made & deluyed / so any receipte o; nothe of acres in the playnt for the resydue of the parte o; pten / of the landes nat abyde shall be and stande good and effectual in the lawe.

**C**an act concernyng the sale of lades by the executors of the testamēt. Ca. iii.

**W**here dyuers sonnyng persons before this tyme / haue gyfether persons leasid to / thet bles / of any in lades / & other hereditamentes / to & for p declaracyō of theis / wylls haue by the last wyll & testamēt wyllid & declared suche thet sayde / lades tenementes o; other hereditamentes / to be solde by thair executors / as wel to / and for p paymēt of their dettes / pfoymāce of their legacies necessary & due pten / syndyng of thet wylls & virtuous byngyng by & anawerment of their chyldren to / mayage as also for other charytable dedes to be don & extitid by thair executors / for the helth of their soules. And nat wistaynyng such trust & cōpence so by the put in / thet said & executors / it hath oftymes be seyn where suche last wylls & testamēt / of such lades tenementes / & other hereditament / hath ben declared / & in the same dyuers / executors named & made / p after p decease of such testatours / some of p same exe / cutours wyllunge to accept & take the trust & cōpence p they were put in by the sayde / testatour / haue accepted & take up the p charge of the said testamēt / & haue ben cōp / to fulfill & pfoyme all thyng cōtyned in the same / & the resydue of p same executors / by charytable contrary to p trust p they were put in / haue refused to intermedle in / any wyse in the executiō of p said wyll & testamēt / o; with the sale of suche landes so / wyllid to be solde by the testatour. And for as much as a bargayn & sale of such lades / tenementes / o; other hereditamentes so wyllid by any pson to be solde by his executors / after his decease after the oppynio of dyuers psons cā in no wyse be good or effectual / in the law / onles the same bargayn & sale be made by p hole nōbe of the executors / named to & for p same by reaso wherof as well p dettes of such testatours hath cōtyn / unpayed & unsatisfyed to p great basgier & perill of p soules of such testatours & to p / great hynderāce & many tymes to the utter byndyng of their credytours. As also p / legacies bequest / made by p testatour to his wyfe / chyldre / & for other charytable dedes / to be done for the welch of p soule of p same testatour p made p same testament hath / ben also vnperformed / as well vnto p extreme mysery of the wyfe & chyldre of p said / testatour / as also vnto p let of pfoymāce of other charytable dedes for the welch of p / soule of the said testatour / to p displeasure of almyghy god. ¶ For p remedy wherof / be it enacted / ordeyned / & establyshed / by the auctorite of this pset plyament / p whete / parte of p executors named in any suche testament of any such pson so makyng o; / declaryng any such wyll of any lades / tenementes / o; other hereditamentes to be solde / by his executors / after p deche of any suche testatour do refuse to take vpon him o; / the p administraciō & charge of p same testamēt & last wyll / wherof they be so named / to be executors / & the resydue of the same executors do accept & take vpon the the / cure & charge of the same testament & last wyll / p then all bargayns & sales of suche / landes tenementes / o; other hereditamentes / to wyllid to be solde by p executors / of any suche testatour / as well herte tofore made / as here after to be made by him o; / the onely of p said executors p so doth accept / o; p here tofore hath accepted & taken / vpon hy o; the any such cure o; charge of administraciō of any suche wyll or testamēt / shalbe



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shal be as good & as effectual in þe law as if all the residue of þe same executors had  
 made to þe same said testament, so refusing & denying & distracting of þe same testament had  
 signed therein or the in þe makinge of þe bargain & sale of such lades / tenementes or  
 other hereditamentes so wylled to be sold by the executor of any such testator  
 which here tofore hath made or declared / or hereafter shal make or declare any such  
 wyl of any such lades / tenementes or other hereditamentes after his decease to be sold by  
 his executors & he is inhibited alway that this acte shal nat extend to give power or  
 auctorite to any executor or executors at any tyme hereafter to bargain or put to  
 sale any lades / tenementes / or hereditamentes by vertue & auctorite of any wyl of  
 testament here tofore made / otherwys than they myght do by the coule of the com-  
 lawe afore the makinge of this acte.

**An acte concernynge probate of testaments.**

Where in the parliament holden at westmynstere in the xxi. yere of the reygne of  
 the noble kyng of famous memory / Edward. iii. by the coule of his people  
 for þe better & more greuous synes & some of money taken by þe ministers of  
 byshops & of other ordinaries of holy church for þe probate of testaments & for þe acqui-  
 tances by þe said ordinaries to be made concernynge the same / the said noble kyng  
 in þe same parliament charged & commaunded the archbishop of Caunterbury & the  
 other byshops for þe tyme beynge & amende the same therof shoulde be had. And if none am-  
 ended the same therof shoulde make inquiry by his iustices of suche oppression & extorsion. And  
 if þe same iustices shoulde here & determine the same at þe suite of þe kyng as of the pte  
 as olde tyme hath ben used / as by þe same estate plainly appereth. And where at þe  
 parliament holden at westmynstere in the xxi. yere of the reygne of kyng Henry. iii. it was  
 resolyed þe commons of the realme had after complained them of by thes parliamentes  
 of that þe byshops & ordinaries take for þe probate of testaments and other thynges  
 therunto belonnyng som tyme. xl. s. som tyme. lv. s. & som tyme more agaynst right &  
 iustice where in tyme of kyng Edward. iii. men were wont to pay for suche causes  
 but. ii. s. and. vi. d. at þe most / by which unlaful exactions & testaments of þe testat-  
 ours myght nat be executed accordyng to the last wylles. It was then enacted for  
 the avoyding of suche oppressions & exactions from the forth shoulde take for the  
 probate of any testament & inquisition or for other thynges to the same belonnyng  
 any more than was accustomed & used in þe tyme of þe said noble kyng Edward. the  
 thyrde / upon pain to paye to þe patty so greued thre tymes as moche as þe said ordi-  
 naries shoulde receyve / whiche acte shoulde endure but to the next parliament folowynge  
 by reason þe said ordinaries shoulde than promise to reforme & amende the said oppres-  
 sions & exactions. And for þe that þe said unlaful exactions of the said ordinaries &  
 their ministers be nothing reformed nor amended / but greatly augmented & increas-  
 ed agaynst right & iustice & to the great empourement of the kynges subiectes.

The kyng our souerayne lorde by þe assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal and  
 þe commons in this present parliament asssembled / by auctorite of the same hath ordey-  
 ned / established & enacted / þe from þe first day of Aprill in the yere of our lorde. M. c.  
 lxx. iij. nothyng shal be demanded / receyved / nor taken by any byshop / ordina-  
 ry / archdeake / chancelour / commissary / offycial / nor any other maner of pson or persons  
 what so ever they be / which now have or which at any tyme hereafter shal have aucto-  
 rite & power to take or receyve / probation / inquisition / or approbacion of testament &  
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or testamēt by hym self or the self nor by his or they registers / scribes / praylers / somoners / apparatours / or by any other of they ministers / for the phacyd / insynua-  
tion / & apphaciō of any testamēt or testamētes / or for wrytyng / sealyng / prayfynge /  
registryng / fynne / makynge of inuentuaries / grynge of acquytaices / or for any other  
maner of cause cōcernyng the same / where the goodes of the testatour of p̄ sayd te-  
stament / or person so dyeng do nat amōūt clerely ouer & aboue the value of an. C. s.  
sterlyng / except ouely to the scribe to haue for wrytyng of the probate of p̄ testamēt  
of hym deceased / whose goodes shal nat be aboue p̄ same clere value of an. C. s. vi. d.  
& for the cōpysion of mynistracion of the goodes of any man deceasynge intestate  
nat beyng aboue lyke value of. C. s. clere & vi. d. & that neuerthelesse the byllshop / or  
dynary / or other person or persons / hauyng power or auctoryte to take or receyue p̄  
probacyon or approbacyon of the testaments / refuse nat to approue any suche testa-  
ment beyng lawfully tēded or offred to them to be proued or approued / wherof the  
goodes of p̄ testatour or person so dyeng amount nat aboue p̄ value of an. C. s. ster-  
lynges / so that p̄ sayd testament be exhybted to hym or them in wrytyng w̄ waxe  
there vnto affyred redy to be sealed / & that the same testamēt be lausfully proued be-  
foze the same or dynary befoze the sealyng / to be trewe / hole / & last testament of the  
same testatour / in suche fourme as hath ben comonly accustomed in p̄ behalf. And  
whan the goodes of the testatour doth amōūt ouer & aboue p̄ clere value of an. C. s.  
& do nat excede the summe of. xl. pounde sterlyng / p̄ than no byllshop / or dynary / nor  
other maner of p̄son or p̄sons what so euer he or they be / now hauyng or which here  
after shal haue auctoryte to take probacyon or approbacyon of any testamēt or testa-  
mentes as is aforesayd / by them selfe / nor any of they sayd registers / scribes / pray-  
lers / sommoners / apparatours / nor any other they ministers / for the probacyon /  
insynuacon / & approbacyō of any testament or testaments / or for the registryng /  
sealyng / wrytyng / prayfynge / makynge of inuentuaries / grynge of acquytaices /  
fynes / or any other thyng cōcernyng the same / shal take or cause to be take of any  
person or persons / but onely. iii. s. vi. d. & nat aboue / wherof to be to the sayd byllshop  
or or dynary / or to any other person or persons / hauynge power & auctoryte to take  
the probacyon or approbacyon of any testament or testaments for hym & his mynys-  
ters. ii. s. & vi. d. & nat aboue / & xii. d. residue of p̄ said. iii. s. vi. d. to be to the scribe  
for the registryng of the same. And where the goodes of the testatour or person or per-  
sons so dyeng do amount ouer & aboue the clere value of. xl. pounde sterlyng / that  
thā p̄ byllshop nor or dynary nor other person or persons now hauyng / or whiche here  
after shal haue auctoryte or power to take phate of testamēt / as is aforesayd by him  
or them self / nor any of his or they sayd registers / scribes / praylers / somoners / ap-  
paratours / or any other they ministers / for the phacyon / insynuacon / & approba-  
cyon of any testamēt or testamētes / or for the registryng / sealyng / wrytyng / pray-  
fynge / makynge of inuentuaries / fynes / grynge of acquytaices / or any thyng con-  
cernyng p̄ same probate or testament / shal from the sayd fyrst daye of Apryl take or  
cause to be taken of any p̄son or p̄sons / but onely. v. s. & nat aboue / wherof to be to  
the sayd byllshop / or dynary / or other person hauyng power to take p̄ probaciō of such  
testament or testamētes for hym & his mynisters. ii. s. vi. d. & nat aboue / & ii. s. vi. d.  
residue of the sayd. v. s. shallynge to be to the scribe for registryng of the same / or els  
the same scribe to be at his lyberty to refuse those. ii. s. & vi. d. and to demaunde and  
haue for wrytyng of euery. s. lynes of the same testament / wherof euery lye to con-  
tayne in

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# Anna. xxi. hēntet octau.

tēpne in length. p. ynche. s. i. d. and p. euery suche byshop or ordynary / or other pēson  
 or persons so hauynge or which herafter shall haue auctorite or power to take or re-  
 ceue the probacyon or appbacyon of any testament or testamētes as is aboue sayd  
 they registers / scribes / & mynysters / shall approue / insinuate / seale / & regystr fro  
 tyme to tyme the sayde testamētes / & deliuer the same seale with the seale of theyr  
 offyce to p. executour or executours named in any suche testamētes for p. sayd some  
 or sommes aboue sayd / & in maner & fourme as is aboue reherced / to deliuer it with  
 conuenyēt spede / without any frustratory delay. And in case any p. pēso dye intestate  
 or that the executours named in any such testamētes / refuse to proue the sayd testa-  
 mēt. Thā the sayd ordynary or other pson or psons hauynge auctorite to take probate  
 of testamētes / as is aboue sayd / shall graūt the admynystracyon of p. goodes of the  
 testatour or person deceased to the wydow of p. same person deceased / or to the next  
 of his kyn / or to bothe / as by p. dyscrecion of the same ordynary shall be thought good  
 takynge suerty of hym or them to whom shall be made suche cōmptyon for t re w admyn-  
 ystracyon of the goodes / cattels / and dettes which he or they shall be so auctorized to  
 mynyster. And in case where dyuers psons claime the administraciō as next of kyn /  
 which be egall in degree of kynred p. testatour or pson deceased / & where any person  
 onely desyeth p. administracyon as next of kynne / where in be dyuers psons in  
 equalyte of kynred / as is aforesayd. Than in euery such case the ordynary to be at his  
 election & lyberty to accept any one or mo makynge request where dyuers do requyre  
 the admynystracyon. Or where but one or more of them / & not all beynge in equaly-  
 te of degree do make request / than the ordynary to admyt the wydow and hym or  
 them only makynge request / or any one of the at his pleasure / takynge nothyng for  
 the same / unless the goodes of the person so deceased amount aboue the value of some  
 of an. C. s. And in case the goodes of the person so deceased amount aboue p. value of  
 an. C. s. & nat aboue the value of some of. xl. ii. Than the sayde byshop / ordynary / or  
 other person or psons so hauynge auctorite to take probate of testamētes as is aforesayd  
 they mynysters or offycers shall take onely. ii. s. vi. d. sterlyng & not aboue / &  
 that p. executour & executours named by the testatour or person so deceased / or suche  
 other person or persons / to whom such admynystracyō shall be cōmytted / where any  
 person dyeth intestate / or by way of intestate / callynge or takynge to hym or the suche  
 person or persons / tow at the least / to whome the sayd persons so dyeng was indet-  
 ted / or made any legacy / & vpo theyr refusell or absēce. ii. other honest pēsons beynge  
 nexte of kynne to p. persons so dyenge / & in theyr defaut or absēce. ii. other honest  
 pēsons / & in theyr presence / & by theyr dyscrecions / shall make or cause to be made  
 a trew and perfyte inuentory of all the goodes / cattels / wares / marchaundyses / as  
 well mouable as not mouable / what so euer p. were of the sayd person so deceased / &  
 the same shall cause to be indented / wherof the one part shall be by p. sayd executour  
 or executours / admynystratour / or admynystratours / vpon his or theyr othe or othes  
 to be taken before the sayd byshops / or ordynaries / theyr offycers / or cōmissaries /  
 or other persons hauynge power to take probate of testamētes vpon the holy Euan-  
 gelyst to be good & trew / and p. same one parte indented shall present and deliuer  
 in to p. keepynge of p. sayd byshop / ordynary / or ordynaries / or other person hauynge  
 power to take probate of testamētes / & the other parte therof to remayne with the  
 sayd executour / or executours / admynystratour or admynystratours / & p. no byshop  
 ordynary / or other / what so euer person / hauynge auctorite to take probate of testa-  
 ment or



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ment or testaments as is aboue sayd vpon the payne in this estatute hereafter cō-  
teyned/ refuse to take any such inuentory or inuentories to hym or them present or  
tended to be deliuered as is aforesayd. ¶ Provided alwayes yf yf pson so decealed  
wyl by his testamēt or last wyl/ any lādes/ tenemētes/ or heredytāmētes to be solde  
that yf money therof coming/ nor the ppytes of yf sayd lādes/ for any tyme to be takē  
shal nat be accompted as any of the goodes or cattels of yf sayd person so decealed/ &  
that the same bysshop/ ordynary or other persō or persons hauynge auctoryte to take  
probate of testament or testaments as is aforesayd vpon the deliuerie of the scale/ &  
sygne of the testatour/ do cause yf same scale to be defaced/ and ther vpon incōtynēt  
redeliuer yf same scale vnto yf sayd executour or executours/ without clayme or cha-  
lenge there vnto to be made/ & in case any pson or pson at any tyme hereafter requēre  
a copy or cōpyes of yf same testamētes so pūed/ or of yf sayd inuētory so made/ yf thā yf  
sayd ordynary or ordynaries/ & the other psons hauynge auctoryte to take probate of  
testamētes or theyr mynistres/ shal fro tyme to tyme w cōueniēt speede without any  
frustratory delay/ deliuer or cause to be deliuered a true copy or cōpyes of yf same to  
the sayd pson or psons so demaūdyng thē or any of thē takynge for yf serche & for yf ma-  
kyng of yf copy of eyther of yf said testamēt or inuētory/ but only suche fee as is before  
reherfed for yf registryng of yf said testament/ or els the scribe or regystrer to be at his  
eleccō & lybertie to demaūde/ haue/ & take for euery. x. lynes therof beyng of yf ppro-  
cyō before reherfed. i. s. ¶ Provided alway yf wher any pson or psons hauynge power  
or auctoryte to take pbate of testamētes haue bled to take lesse sōmes of money thā  
is aboue sayd for yf pbate of testamētes/ or cōmissōs of administraciōs or other cause  
cōcernyng yf same/ shal take & receiue suche sōme or sōmes of money for yf pbate of  
testamēt/ & cōmissōs of yf administraciōs/ & other causes cōcernyng yf same as they  
before the makynge of this acte haue bled to take/ & nat aboue. ¶ And it is enacted yf  
euery bysshop/ ordynary/ archdeke/ chauncellour/ cōpplary/ offycyall/ & other pson &  
psons hauynge/ or yf which hereafter shal haue auctoryte to take pbate of testamēt/ these  
regystrers/ scribes/ praisers/ sōmoners/ apparatours/ & al other theyr ministres what  
so euer they be/ yf shal do/ or attēpt/ or cause to be done & attēpted against this acte or  
ordynauce in any thyng shal forseyte & lose for euery tyme so offēdyng to yf ptye gre-  
ued in yf behalf/ so moch money as any such pson aboue said shal take cōtrary to this  
pset acte. And ouer yf shal lose forseyte. x. li. s. c. l. wherof yf one moyte shalbe to the  
kyng our souerayne lord/ & the other moyte to yf party greued in yf behalf/ yf wyl sue  
by accpyō of det/ byl/ informaciō/ or other wyse/ i any of yf kyngs court/ for yf recouere  
of yf same i which acciō no essōpteccō nor waiger of law shalbe admytted or allowed.  
And yf euery of yf same bysshops & other psons which shal hereafter incurte & fal into  
yf dangers of suche penaltie or forseyture shalbe charged only by hymself/ & none of  
thē to be chargeable to yf penaltie for other offence. ¶ Provided alway yf this acte be  
nat iudicial to any ordynary or any other pson/ whiche now haue/ or hereafter shal  
haue auctoryte for probate of testamēt/ but yf euery of thē shal may cōuet before thē al  
& euery pso or psons made and named executour or executours of any testamēt/ to yf  
intēt to proue or refuse the testamēt or testamētes of theyr testatour or testatours/ &  
to byynge in inuentuaries/ and to do euery other thyng concernyng yf same/ as  
they myght do before the makynge of this acte/ so that alwayes any suche ordynary/  
or other person or persons hauynge suche auctoryte by thē selfe/ theyr cōpplaries/  
scribes/ regystrers/ or other mynistres aforesayd shal nat in any wyse take for yf same

B. ii.

about



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about the fees lymitted by this acte, ne in any wyse attempte any thyng contrary to any parte of the same acte.

An acte concernynge takynge of mortuaries.

Ca. vi.

**E**as moche as questyon, ambyguyte, & doute is chaunced and vsen vpon the ordre, maner, & fourme of demaundyng, recepyng, and claymyng of mortuaries, otherwyse called (Coise presentes) as well fo; the greatnes & value of the same which as hath ben lately taken, is thought ouer excessyue to þ poore people & other persons of this realme, as also that fo; suche mortuaries o; Coise presentes haue ben demaunded & leuyed fo; suche as at the tyme of they; deth haue had no p; parte in any goodes o; cattels. And many tymes fo; wayfaryng y trauelynge men, in the places where theyhaue fortunied to dye, to þ entent that all dout, contencion & incertaynte, herein may be remoued, & as well þ generalyte of the kyngs people therin remedyed, as also the persons, bycars, parysh prestes, curates, & other ha uynge interest in suche mortuaries & Coise presentes indyfferently prouyded fo;.

**U**e it therfore enacted, ordeyned & establyshed, by the kyng our loucrayn lorde the lordes spirytual and tempozall, and the comons of this parlyament assembled, & by auctoryte of the same, that from the fyrst daye of Apryll, in the yere of our lord god. M. b. C. x. xxx. no person, bycar, curate, no; parysh prest, ne any other lpy- rytuall pson, no; they; fermours, bailiff, no; lessees, shal take recepye, o; demaund of any pson o; persons within this realme fo; any person o; persons dyenge within the same, any maner mortuary o; Coise present, ne any some o; sommes of money, ne any other thyng fo; the same, more than is herafter mencyned. Ne also shal co- uent o; call any pson o; psons befo; any iudge spirytual fo; þ recouet of any suche mortuaries o; coise p;ntes, o; any other thyng fo; the same, more than is herafter mencyned, vpon payne to forseyt fo; euery tyme so demaundyng, recepyng, ta- kyng, o; conuentynge, o; callynge any suche person o; persons, befo; any lpyrtual iudge so moche in value as they shal take aboute the some lymitted by this acte. And ouer þ. xl. s. to the ptye greued cōtrary to this acte, fo; the whiche forseyture the par ty so greued contrary to this acte, shal haue and action of det, by, wyrt, byll, playnt o; informacion in any of the kyngs court, wherin no wager of lawe, esson, no; p;o- tencion shalbe alowed.

**F**yrst it is ordeyned, establyshed & enacted, þ no maner of mortuary shalbe takē o; demaunded of any person, what so euer he be, which at the tyme of his deth hath in mouable goodes vnder þ value of. x. marke. Also that no mortuary shalbe gyuen/asked/ o; demaunded from hensforth of any maner pson but onely in such place where here tofo; mortuaries haue ben vled to be payd & gyuen and in those places non otherwyse but after the rate & fourme herafter mencyned. Ne that any person pay mortuaries in more places than one/ þ is to saye, in þ place of they; most dwellyng & habytacyon/ & there but one mortuary. No; no person/ by- car/ curate parysh prest/ o; other shal fo; any person dyeng o; dede/ & beyng at the tyme of his deth/ of the value in mouable goodes of. x. marke/ o; more clerely/ aboute his dettes payd/ & vnder þ some of. xxx. s. take fo; a mortuary aboute. iiii. s. iiii. d. in þ hole. And fo; a pson dyeng o; ded beyng at þ tyme of his deth/ of þ valu of. xxx. s. o; aboute clerely/ aboute h; dett/ payd i mouable good/ & vnder þ value of. xx. s. there shal no more be takē o; demaunded fo; a mortuary thā. vi. s. viii. d. i þ hole/ & fo; any pson dyeg o; ded/ being at þ tyme of his deth/ of þ valu i mouable good/ of. xl. s. o; shoue to any sōms, what so euer it be clerely/ aboute his dettes payed/ there shalbe no more taken

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taken / payd / or demaunded for a mortuary than .x. s. in the hole. **C**hrouyded alway that for no woman beyng couert barō / nor chyld / ne for any pson nat keepyng house / any maner mortuary be payd / ne p any pson / bycat / curate / paryshe preest or other aske / demaunde / or take / for any such womā / chyld / or for any pson nat keepyng house / byenge or dede / any maner thyng or money by waye of mortuary / ne also for any wayfaryng man or other p dwelleth nat ne maketh resydence in p place wher they shal happen to dye but p the mortuary of such wayfaryng persons be answerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payd / and i maner & fourme / & after p rate befoze mencyned / & none otherwyle in p place or places where such wayfaryng psons at the tyme of theyr deth had theyr most habytacyō / house & dwellyng places / & no where els. **C**hrouyded alway p it shalbe lefull to all maner of psons / bycats / curates / paryshe preestes / & other spyrтуall persons / to take & receyue any maner some of money or other thyng which by any pson dyeng shal fortune to be dysposed / gyuen or bequethed vnto the / or any of the / or to p hygh aulter of the chyrche. **T**his acte or any thyng therein mencyned natwithstandyng. And be it also enacted by p auctoryte aforesayd p no mortuaries / nor coise presentes / ne any somme or sommes of money / or other thyng for any mortuary or coise p sent shalbe demaunded / take / receyued / or had in the partyes of wales / nor in p marches of p same / nor i the towne of Caleys or Barwyke nor marches of the same / but only in suche partyes & places of wales / marches and townes aforesayd where mortuaries hath ben accustomed to be taken and payde. And in those partyes & places no mortuaries nor coise presentes / ne any other thyng for mortuary or coise present from hensforth shalbe demaunded / taken / receyued / or had / but only after the forme / or dre / & maner aboue spetsyed in this pset acte / & none otherwyle / ne of any other pson or psons that is lymyted by this present acte / vpon the payne aboue cōteyned in this pset acte. **C**hrouyded also that it shalbe lefull to the bysshops of Bangour / Landasse / saynt Daupes / and saynt Asse / & lykwyle to the archedeiken of Chester / to take such mortuaries of the preestes within theyr dyoces and iurysdyccions as here tofore haue ben accustomed. **C**hrouyded also that in suche places where mortuaries haue ben accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is aforesayd that no person shalbe compelled to pay in any suche place any other mortuary / or moze for any mortuary thā hath ben accustomed / ne that any mortuary in suche place shall be demaunded / taken / receyued / or had of any person or persons exempte by this acte / nor in any wyle contrary to this acte / vpon the payne afoze lymyted.

**A**n acte agaynst seruauntes imbecelynge theyr  
maysters goodes. Ca. vii.

**W**here befoze this tyme dyuers / aswel noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpon confydence and trust delpyuered to theyr seruauntes theyr caskettes and other iewels / money / goodes / and catelles / safely to kepe to p ble of theyr sayd maysters or maystresses / and after suche delpyuer the sayd seruauntes haue withdrawen the self & gone away fro theyr sayd maysters or maystresses w the sayd caskettes / iewels / money / good & cattels / or pte therof to p entēt to stele p same & defraude their said maysters or maystres theroof & sōtyme beyng w their said maysters or maistress haue couerted p said iewels / money & other catels or pte therof to their  
B. iii.      owne



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owne vse / which myght behauour so done / was doubtful in the comon law whether it were felony or nat. And by reason therof / the foresayd seruautes haue be in gret boldenes to comyt suche lyke offences. ¶ Be it therfore enacted / ordeyned & establisshed by the kynge our souerayne lord / by the assent of the lordes spirytual and temporal & the commons in this present parliament assembled / & by auctorite of the same / that all & synyguler suche seruautes to whom any suche caskets / iewels / money / goodes / or cattels / by his or theyr sayd maysters or maistresses / shall fro hensforth so be deliuered to kepe / that if any suche seruaunt or seruautes withdrow him or the fro theyr sayd masters & maystresses / and go awaye with the sayd caskettes / iewels / money / goodes / or other catels / or any parte therof to the entent to stele the same & defraude his or theyr sayd maysters or maystresses therof contrary to the trust and confydence to hym or the put by his or theyr sayd maisters or maistresses / or els beyng in the seruyce of his sayd mayster or maystres / without assent or commaundement of his maysters or maystres / he imbesell the same caskets / iewels / money / goodes / or catels or any parte therof / or othewyse conuert the same to his owne vse / with lyke purpose to stele it / & yf the sayd caskets / iewels / goodes / money / or catels / that any suche seruaunt shall go away with / or whiche he shall imbesell w purpose to stele it as is aforesayd be of the value of .xl. s. or aboue. That than & same false fraudulent & vntrew acte & demeanour from hensforth shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And he or theyr so offendynge to be punysshed as other felones be punysshed for felonyes comytted by the course of the comon lawe.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned shall nat in any wyse extende or be p̄iudyciall to any apprentyce or apprentyses / nor to any person w̄in the age of .xviii. yerres goyng away w̄ his or theyr maysters goodes / or iewels / or othewyse / conuertynge the same vnto his or theyr owne v̄ses duryng the tyme of theyr app̄etyschode / or beyng w̄in the same age of .xviii. yerres / but & euery ap̄etysche / apprentyses / suche person or persons / beyng w̄thin the sayd age / doynge or offendynge contrary to this present acte shalbe & stande in lyke case as they and euery of them were before the makynge of this acte. The same acte to contynue and endure vnto the nexte parliament.

### An acte agaynst kylling of calves

Ca. viii.

**E**Or as moche as of olde tyme great multitude of catell was yerely encreased by weynynge / byngynge bp / and cerryng of calves throughout this realme wherby the nomb̄e of oren / kye / & steeres / were in suche haboundaunce & plenty that befe & all other byttell / was good chepe / & solde to the kynges subiectes at reasonable penyworthes & pyces / vntyll now of late yerres passed that the breeders of suche calves of theyr couetous mides / haue v̄sed to sell theyr calves yong suckyng to bouchers / waynyng / rearyng / byngynge bp few or non / wherby & encrease of olde cattel & also the increase & shuld or myght haue come or growen of & same is maruelously mynished & decreased / in suche wyse & gret derth of cattel & other byttel hath & doth daily / spyng / grow / cōtinue / & arys throughout this realme / nat onely to & great enhaunshynge of the pyces of beffes & all maner byttell / but also to the great mynishynge & enpaynyng of good hospitallite / and extreme v̄ndoyng of the kynges pooze and ned̄y subiectes w̄thin & same / whiche inconuenience & great scarcetye is



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type is lyke to ensue & encrease more & more yf speedy remedy be nat provided in that behalfe. ¶ Be it therfore ordeyned & enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde & the lordes spirytual & temporall & the commons in this present parliament assembled & by the auctorite of the same that no maner person or persons beyng bouchers or other inhabytyng within this realme wales or the marches of the same shall from the first day of January next comyng during the hole yerres thā next folowynge byll or cause to be kylled any maner of yong such þg calfe or calves to be solde or put to sale to any person or persons hole or by retaille which calfe or calves so hereafter to be kylled shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the sayd first day of January & the first day of May in any of the sayd. iii. hole yerres by þo payn of. vii. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the sayd days & kylled & put to sale contrary to this acte to be payde & forseyted by euery suche boucher or bouchers & other whiche shall byll or cause to be kylled & put to sale any suche calfe or calves so fallynge & to be calued betwene the sayd first day of January & the sayd first day of May duringe the sayd thre yerres. The one halfe of euery suche forseyture to be to the use of our souerayn lord the kynge & the other halfe to the party that wyl sue for the same by byll accyon of det. or informacyon in any of the kynge's court, wherein no wager of lawe, esson nor proteccyon shalbe allowed. ¶ Provided always that euery lord marchant haue the forseytes, profytes & auantages onely of euery such offender & offendours agaynst the purueynge of this acte within theire feignouryes, lyberties & franchises royal.

¶ The att lymytted þ price of hatt & cappes brought frō beyonde the see. Ca. ix.  
**T**he kynge our souerayne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirytual & temporal & the commons in this present parliament assembled & by the auctorite of the same hath ordeyned established & enacted for the comon welth of the subiectes of this his realme & no maner person or persons what so ever he or they be from the feest of the purification of our lady next comynge do sell or cause to be solde within this his realme to any person or persons any wolle hattes or bonettes or wollen hatte or cappe made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of Englande in any of the parties of beyonde the see ouer or aboue the pyces vnder wyten that is to save no suche cappe or bonnet to be solde aboue the some of. ii. s. sterlyng & no suche hatte to be solde aboue the summe of. i. s. and no suche syngle crowne cappe nor syngle nyght cappe to be solde aboue the some of. vi. pēns by þo payne to forseyte for euery suche bonnet cappe or hatte at any tyme after the said feest to be solde ouer the price aboue said contrary to the tenour of this acte. xl. s. sterlyng all which forseyture shal extēde only to the losse of the seller or sellers thereof & to no other & one halfe thereof to be leuyed & recovered to the use of our sayd souerayne lorde & the other halfe to the party that wyl sue for the same in any of our souerayn lord the kynge's court by accyon of det. byll informacyon or other wyse in which accyon or sute no proteccion nor wager of lawe nor esson shalbe allowed or admytted. ¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aboue sayd that euery persō or persons beyng or weryng any suche bonette cappe or hatte made out of this realme may lawfully at all tymes here after use weare & detayne any suche bonnet cappe or hat cappes or hattes without lease sure of the same or any daunger losse or other forseyture or penaltie to be hadde or suffered for the same. Any mater clause or other thyng cōteyned or explyed in this present acte or actes here tofore made to the contrary nat withstandinge.

¶ An acte agaynst caryng out of brasse latten and copen. 37 yd. Ca. x.  
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As moche as there is no myne of metall of coppe within this realme of Eng-  
 lande founde or had / where sufficyent coppe may be gathered for the use of the  
 kyng our souerayne lord & for the people of this his realme / and also for as  
 moche as dyuers mynes of coppe in the parties of beyonde the see be now lately my-  
 nyshed & decayed / by reason wherof the pryce of coppe is greatly risen / as wel in the  
 parties of beyonde the see / as in this realme / of the whiche coppe dyuers metalls myred  
 be made / as well latten of the whiche the foundrys make dyuers vessels / instrumentes  
 & other necessary thynges / as also panne metall / brasse metall / gonne metall / & bell  
 metall / made and wrought by dyuers artycrafters within this realme / which be now  
 also at a great pryce / & also where dyuers within this realme of late haue carped &  
 conueyed / & dayly use to carry and conuey into the parties of beyonde the see / moche  
 latten / brasse / & suche metall myred / as well in olde panne metall & broken vessels &  
 instrumentes / as in metall shofte / & other thynges / nat onely to the great hurte of  
 our souerayne lord the kyng in lackyng metall to make & furnyssh his ordynance /  
 but also to the great hurte and decay of all suche artycrafters whiche use to worke any  
 suche metall / & to the hurte of all the kynges lyege people / nat withstandyng that a  
 redress was comuned of by the kyng our souerayne lord / and the lordes of his  
 honorable counsell in Ester terme last past / synce whiche tyme moche of the sayd me-  
 talls hath be conueyed. Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parlia-  
 ment that no person or persons from henceforth do conuey or carry any suche metall / whe-  
 ther it be clene or myred / to any port / haven / place / or creke / of this his realme / in  
 any shipp / vessel / or bote / to be carped or conueyed into any parte beyonde the see /  
 upon payne of forfytur of all the said metall / in whose handes so euer they be founde  
 or the value of the same / the one moyte of the sayd forfytur to be to our souerayne  
 lord the kyng / & the other moyte to the use of hym that shal take or fynde the same  
 forfytur. This acte to contynue vnto the next parlyament.

An acte for restitution of goodes felonously stolen. Ca. xii.  
 Be it enacted by this present parlyament that if any felon or felons here after do  
 Robbe or take away any money / good / or cattels / from any of the kynges sub-  
 iect / fro the person or otherwys in this realme / & therof the said felon or felons  
 be indycted / & after arrayned of the same felony / & founde guilty therof / or otherwys  
 attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the party so robbed or owner of the sayd mo-  
 ney / goodes / or catels / or by any other by the procurement / & than the party so rob-  
 bed or owner shal be restoyed to his sayd money / goodes / & catels / & that as well the  
 iustices of gaole deliuer as other iustices afore who any such felon or felons shal be  
 founde guilty or otherwys attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the party so robbed  
 or owner / or by any other by the procurement / haue power by this plet act to awarde  
 fro tyme to tyme wytes of restitution for the sayd money / goodes & catels / in lyke ma-  
 ner as though any suche felon or felons were attaynted at the sute of the party in appele

An acte for trewe makinge of cables / halsers / and ropes. Ca. xiii.  
 Most humbly beseeche your highnes the baylyfs / burghers / & other inhabitants  
 of your towne & borough of Burpote in your county of Dorset that where  
 they out of tyme the most maner mynde is to the contrary / haue used & exercised to make  
 in the same / the most parte of all the great cables / halsers / ropes / & all other takelyng  
 as well for your royall shipp / & nauy / as for the most parte of all other shipp / in this  
 realme / by reason wherof your said town was right wel maintained & inhabited / your  
 highnes



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highnes & your subiects right well recued / untill now of late many dyuers & euill  
dysposed psons entredynge the destruccyō of your sayd towne for their pryuate lurre  
& auantage / haue wdrawen the selfe into the countrey in dyuers plac / there takynge  
fermes & bypunge husbandry out of the sayd towne / & also daily resorte to your sayd  
towne to bye & prouide hempe & therof make cables / ropes / halters / traces / halters  
& other tacle / whiche cables / ropes / halters / traces / halters / & other tacle ben by the  
sayd persons sleghly & deceyuably made / by reason wherof nat only þ byers of the  
same ben contynually therby deceyued / but also the pryces of þ sayd cables / halters /  
traces / halters / & other tacle therby greatly enhauced / & your sayd towne or borough  
by meane therof is lyke vterly to be decayed / ruyned / & dysoluted / w<sup>ch</sup> speedy re-  
medy be nat by your highnes in that case purposed. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by your  
highnes / by þ lordes spirytuall & tempozall / & the commons in this present parlyamēt  
assembled / and by the auctoryte of þ same . That no maner person or psons dwell-  
lynge or inhabytyng within the dystaūce of fyue myles from the sayd towne or bo-  
rough of Burpote / shall from hēil forth sell or cause to be solde out of the market /  
holden or to be holde within the same towne or borough of Burpote / to any pson or  
psons any hēpe whiche shall happē to growe within the sayd fyue myles in dystaūce  
from the sayd towne or borough / vpon payn of forseynture of the sayd hempe so solde  
or to be solde / in any place or places within the dystaūce of the sayd fyue myles  
out of the sayd towne / borough / or market / cōtrary to the forme & effecte of this esta-  
tute. ¶ And furthre be it enacted by the auctoryte aboue sayd / that no pson or psons /  
other than suche as shall dwell and be inhabytauntes within the sayd towne / shall  
make after the feest of Ester next comyng out of the sayd towne any cables / halters  
ropes / traces / halters / or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places  
within the sayd dystaūce of fyue myles frō the sayd towne / vpon payne of forseynture  
of the sayd cables / halters / ropes / traces / halters / and other tacle / made and to be  
made contrary to the forme and effecte of this estatute / the one halfe of euery suche  
forseynture / aswell of the hempe so solde or to be solde out of þ sayd towne / borough  
and market / cōtrary to the forme aforesayd / as also the sayd cables / halters / ropes  
traces / halters / & other tacle made out of the sayd towne contrary to this estatute  
to be to the vse of our souerayn lord the kyng / and the other half to him that wyl sue  
for þ same / by accyō of det / byl / or informaciō / wherein neyther wager of law / essoin  
nor proteccyō shall be allowed. ¶ Prouyded always þ. xx. pound weyght shall be accōp-  
ted to þ stone. ¶ Prouyded also euery pson dwellynge w<sup>ch</sup>in the sayd dystaūce may  
make cables / halters / ropes / traces / halters / & other tacle for theyr owne vse & occu-  
pacyōs / but in no wyse agaynst this acte. ¶ This acte to endure vnto þ next plyamēt.

¶ An acte agaynst pluralytees of benefices / for takynge of fermes by  
spirituall men / and for resydence.

Ca. xij.

**E** For the more quyet & vertuous increas & mayntenaūce of dyuynē seruyce &  
pchyng & techyng þ worde of god w<sup>ch</sup> goodly & good exāple gyuyng the better  
dyscharge of curates / the mayntenaūce of hospytalite / þ relefe of poore people / þ in-  
creas of deuocyon / & good opyniō of þ lay see toward þ spirytual psons. Be it enacted  
ordeyned & establisshed by þ kyng our souerayn lord / w<sup>ch</sup> þ assēt of þ lordes spirytual  
& tempozal & þ commons in this p<sup>r</sup>sent plyamēt assebled. And by þ auctoryte of þ same / þ no  
spirytual p<sup>r</sup>son / secular or regular / of what degre so euer he or they be / shall frō hēil forth  
take to ferme to hym self or to any pson or psons / to his vse of þ lease or graūt of the

Ca.

kyng

for tal  
of p<sup>r</sup>son  
all m<sup>r</sup>

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kyng our souerayn lord, no: of any other pson or perions, by letters, patentes, indur-  
tures, wytyngs, by word or other wyse, by any maner meanes any maners, lades,  
tenentes, or other hereditametes, for terme of lyfe, for terme of yer, or at wyll, upon  
payn to forset. x. li. for every moneth the or any other to his vse shal occupy any luche  
ferme, by reaso of any luche lease or graunt herafter to be made. The one halfe of  
whiche forseture to be to þ kyng our souerayn lord, & þ other halfe therof to every  
luche perso as wyll sue for þ same, by origynall wyrt, byll, or playnt of det, or by any  
informacio in any of þ kynges courtres. In whiche accio & sute no wager of law shal  
be admytted for þ defendaut, no: any esson or pteccio allowed. And be it also ena-  
cted by the auctoryte aforesaid, þ all & every such spual pson or persons, whiche now  
haue or occupye in ferme by the self or by any other to thei vse, any maners, lades  
tenementes, or hereditametes of þ lesse, or graunt of þ kyng our souerayn lord  
or any other pso or psons, for terme of lyfe, or for yer, or at wyll, by any wytyng  
or other wyse, or þ now haue any annuel retes, or other annuel aduantage or pfyte,  
by occasyon or colour of any luche lesse or ferme, shall clerely bargayn, sell, gyue, or  
graunt away on this tyde þ feest of saynt Myghell þ archaungell next comyng to any  
luche lay pso or psons, as they wyll at thei owne nominacions & appoyntment, al  
luche lesse, ferme, interest, & pfyte as any luche spual pso, or any other to þ vse now  
hath or haue, in, or by reaso of any luche ferme, so þ in no wyse any such spual pso or  
pso at any tyme after þ same feest by the self or any other to thei vse by any maner  
of meanes, fraude, or male engyne, shal haue, vse, or occupye i ferme, any maners  
lades, tenentes, or hereditamets of þ demyse, lesse, or graunt of any pso or pso here to  
fore made, or herafter to be made, to the selfe or to any other to thei vse, no: fro the  
said feest shall take any annuel rent or other annuel aduantage or pfyte by occasyon or  
colour of any luche lesse or ferme by any maner of mean, by payn to forset for eue-  
ry moneth to occupye any luche ferme, at any tyme after þ said feest contrary to this  
present act. x. li. And upon payn to forset ten tymes as moch as any spual pson or any  
to his vse, shal take in annuel rent, and aduantage, or pfyte by occasyon or colour of  
any luche lesse, or any tyme after þ said feest. The one half of which forsetures to be  
to the kyng our souerayn lord, & the other half to him þ wyll sue for þ same by origy-  
nall wyrt, byll, or playnt of det, or by informacio in any of þ kynges court. In which  
accio & sute no wager of law shalbe admytted for þ defendaut, no: any esson or pro-  
teccio allowed. And be it also enacted þ al such lasses made, or herafter to be made  
unto any luche spual pson or persons, or to any other to thei vse, for terme of lyfe,  
terme of yer, or at wyll, of any maners, lades, tenentes, or hereditametes, wherof  
they or any of the shal take any pfyte, or medelyng by the selfe, or by any to thei vse  
after þ feest of saynt Myghell, by colour of any luche lesse or graunt / & nat by the bar-  
gayned, graunted, & solde away befoze þ said feest as is befoze lymyted shal fro then  
forth be utterly voyde & of non effect, alwel agaynst þ lessour or lessours, grauntour  
& grauntours, thei heyres & assygn, & agaynst every of the, as agaynst þ lesse or lesse  
& thei executours & assygn, & every of them. And by this present acte  
shall nat extende to any spual pson or psons, in, and for takyng to ferme any tem-  
poraltes, during þ tyme of vacacions, of any archbyschopys, bysshopys, abbeyes  
pypres, or other collegiall, cathedral, or couentual churches, no: to any spual pson  
or psons, þ shall tede or make any traueise upon any offyc, or office concernyng his  
or thei freholde. And be it also enacted by þ auctoryte aforesaid þ no spual pson  
or persons



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of persons secular or regular of what estate or degree so ever they be / shall fro hereforth  
by hym selfe / nor by any other / for him nor to his vse bargain & bye to sell agayne for  
any lucre / gayne / or profit / in any markett / fayres / or other places / any manner of ca-  
tels / cornes / lede / tyn / wythes / leather / tallowe / sylke / wooll / woode / or any manner of  
hertell / or marchandise / what kynde so ever it be of / w<sup>ch</sup> payn to forset treble p<sup>r</sup> value  
of every thyng by the or by any to the / vse / bargayned & bought to sell agayn / con-  
trary to this p<sup>r</sup>sent acte. And p<sup>r</sup> every such bargayne & cōtracte hereafter to be made  
by the / or by any to their vse contrary to this acte / shalbe utterly voyde & of none ef-  
fecte. And the one half of every such forseiture to be to the kyng our souerayn lord  
& the other halfe to him p<sup>r</sup> whyll sue for p<sup>r</sup> same by originall wyrt of det<sup>r</sup> / byll / playnt /  
or informacion in any of the kynges courtes. In which accion or sute / no wager of  
lawe for the defendant shal be admytted / nor any esson nor protection allowed.

Provyded alway p<sup>r</sup> if any such spūall person or persons shall happen hereafter w<sup>ch</sup>out  
fraude or couyn to bye any horses / mares / or mules / to the only intent to occupy for  
him selfe / or his seruantes to ryde to & fro / vpon his necessary busynes / or any other  
cattels or goodes / to p<sup>r</sup> onely intent & purpose at the byenge therof to be employed &  
put / in / & about his necessary apparell of his owne house or of his person & seruantes  
or in / for / & about p<sup>r</sup> onely occuppyng manuryng or tyllage of his owne glebe or de-  
mean lādes annexed to his churche / or for p<sup>r</sup> necessary expēces of his owne household  
kepyng. And after p<sup>r</sup> byeng of such horses / cattels / or goodes / or exercise of the / or any  
of the happeneth to myslike any of the p<sup>r</sup> they sholde nat be good / p<sup>r</sup>fitable nor cōve-  
nient for any of p<sup>r</sup> purposes aboue said / for the whiche they were bought / that than  
every such spūall person or persons / may lawfully bargayne / & put away such thynges  
so by him bought without fraude or couyn for any of the purposes aboue said at his  
pleasure & aduantage. This acte or any thyng therein cōteyned natwithstandyng.

Provyded alway p<sup>r</sup> all abbottes / priores / abbes / priors / priouostes / presyde-  
tes / maysters of colleges and hospytalles / and all other spūall gouernours / and go-  
uernelles / of any spūall monasteries or houses of relygyō / by what name or names  
so ever they be called / hauyng maners / lādes / & tenementes / hereditamentes / & other  
perely p<sup>r</sup>fit / in the ryght of their monasteries or houses / of p<sup>r</sup> perely value of viij.  
hondred markes / or vnder / and nat aboue / may vse and occupy as moche & as ma-  
ny of their demeane lādes / fee / fermes / & fermes / to their moost aduantage / cōmodyte  
& p<sup>r</sup>ofyt / to and for the onely mayntenaunce of their householdes & hospytalytees  
in as ample and as large maner as they or any of the or their p<sup>r</sup>decessours / or the p<sup>r</sup>-  
decessours of any of the / at any tyme by the space of one. C. yeres last past / before the  
makynge of this p<sup>r</sup>sent acte / haue done / vsed and occupied. Any thyng in this p<sup>r</sup>sent  
acte to the cōtrary natwithstandyng. Provyded also that every other spūtuall  
person & persons nat hauyng sufficient glebe / or demeane lādes in their owne hād<sup>s</sup>  
in the ryght of their churches / monasteries & houses for pasturage of cattels / or for  
increase of cornes / to & for p<sup>r</sup> onely expēces of their householders / and for the carpage  
and iourneys / may take in ferme other landes / and bye & sell corne and cattel for p<sup>r</sup>  
onely manuraunce / tyllage / & pasturage of such ferme / so that the increase therof be  
alwayes employed and put to & for the onely expēces in their householdes & hospy-  
talytees. And nat in any wyse to bye and sell agayn / for any other cōmodyte / lucre  
or aduantage / any corne / or cattel / rencyng / compyng / or growyng / in & vpon  
any such ferme or other wyse / but onely p<sup>r</sup> remayne & ouerplus aboue their expēces

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of their householdes / yf any suche shall happen of þ breed & encrease therof / without fraude or couyn. Any thyng in this pſent acte to the cōtrary herof / notwithstanding. And be it enacted by the auctorite afozeſaid / þ if any perſon or perſons / hauynge one benefyce with cure of ſoule / beyng of the yerele value of. viij. ſ. or aboue / accept and take any other with cure of ſoule. And be inſtutued & inducted in poſſeſſyō of ſame / that than & immediatly after ſuche poſſeſſyōn had therof. The fyrſt benefyce ſhall be abrogged in the lawe to be voyde. And þ it ſhall be lawfull to euery patron hauynge the auouſon therof to preſent another / & the preſentee to haue the benefite of the ſame / in ſuche lyke maner & forme as though þ incōbēt had dyed / or reſygued any lycence / bynōn / or other diſpenſacion to the contrary herof opteyned nat withſtandynge. And that euery ſuche lycence / bynōn / or diſpenſacion / had or herafter to be opteyned contrary to this pſent act / of what name or names / qualyte or qualitees ſo euer they be / ſhall be utterly voyde and of none effect. And if any perſon or pſons at any tyme after the fyrſt day of Apryl / in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. xxi. cōtrary to this pſent acte / procure & opteyne at the court of Rome or els where any lycence or lycences / bynōn / tolleraciō / diſpenſaciō to receyue and take any mo benefyce with cure / thā ſo aboue limited / or els at any tyme after þ ſaid day put in execution any ſuche lycence / tolleracion / diſpenſacion before þ opteyned contrary to this acte / þ the euery ſuche pſon or pſons ſo after þ ſaid day ſuyng for him ſelfe / or receyving & takynge ſuch benefyce by force of ſuche lycence or lycences / bynōn / tolleraciō / or diſpenſacion / þ is to ſay / the ſame pſon or pſons onely & none other / ſhall for euery ſuche default incurre þ daūger / payne / & penalty of. xx. ſ. ſterl. And alſo loſe þ hole pſytes of euery ſuch benefyce or benefyces as he receyueth or taketh by force of any ſuch lycence or lycences / bynōn / tolleraciō / or diſpenſaciō. The one half of which forfeiture to be to the kyng our ſouerayne lord. And þ other halfe to him þ wll ſue for þ ſame by originall wyrt / byll / playnt of det / or informacion / in any of þ kynges courtes. In whiche accion & ſute no waiger of lawe / eſſon / or protection / for the defendaunt ſhall be admytted or allowed.

Wherby always þ this acte cōcernynge the nat keepynge of mo benefyces w cure of ſoule thā one / extende ne be p iudiciall to any pſon or perſons / which at any tyme before þ ſaid fyrſt day of Apryl / in þ yere of our lord god. M. v. C. xxi. ſhall be really entytled & poſſeſſed of any ſuch benefyces w cure of ſoule / as cōcernynge or touchynge any of þ ſame benefyces / wherof they ſhall thā be all redy really intytled or poſſeſſed before the ſaid day / to or vnder þ nōbre of. iij. & nat aboue & yf any ſuche ſpūal pſon or pſons ſo beyng entytled or poſſeſſed of mo benefyce w cure of ſoule than. iij. do nat by þ ſaid fyrſt day of Apryl clerely & without pſely pencyō / reſygne or otherwyſe gyue by all & euery ſuche benefyce & benefyce as he ſhall be ſo entytled & poſſeſſed of / aboue the ſaid nōbre / þ thā it ſhall be lefull for euery patron hauynge the auouſon of any ſuche benefyce ouer the nōbre afozeſaid to preſent another / & the preſentee to haue the benefyte of the ſame in lyke maner & forme as though it had be voyd by deth or reſygnacon of the incōbēt / any lycence / bynōn / or other diſpenſacion to the cōtrary herof opteyned nat withſtandynge. And this claue of preſentacion to be take and vnderſtāden in and of ſuche benefyces with cure of ſoule / as were gyue to any ſuche ſpūtuall perſon after the ſaid nōbre of. iij. benefyces with cure furnyſhed and fulfilled. Wherby alſo þ all ſpūtuall men now beyng or whiche hereafter ſhall be of kynges counſell / may purchaſe lycence or diſpenſacion / & take / & receyue / and kepe



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And kepe the personages or benefices with cure of soule / & that all other beyng the kynges chapleyns / & nat fwoorne of his counsell the chapleyns of the queens / prince or princesse / or any of the kynges chyldren / bretherne / sisters / vnder / may lawfully purchase licence or dispensacion / and receyue & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule / and in lykewyse that every archbishop / duke / may have .vi. chaplons / wherof every one shall & may purchase licence or dispensacion / and take receyue / & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And p every marke / and erle may have fyve chapleyns / wherof every one may purchase licence or dispensacion / & take receyue / & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that every byrecount & other bishop / may have foure chapleyns / wherof every one may purchase licence / and receyue / & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule / as is aforesaid. And that the chancelour of England for the tyme beyng / and every baron and knyght of garter may have the chapleyns / wherof every one shall now purchase licence or dispensacion / & receyue / & kepe / two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And p every Duches / markes / countesse / & baronnesse / beyng wydowes / may have two chapleyns / wherof every one of the may purchase licence or dispensacion / to receyue / & kepe / two benefices with cure of soule. And that the tresourer & controllor of the kyngs house / the kyngs secretary / & Deane of his chapell / the kynges ammer / & the mayster of p rolles / may have every of them .ii. chapleyns. And p chefe Justyce of p kynges bench / one chapleyn / & the wardyn of p fyve portes / for the tyme beyng / one chapleyn / wherof every one may purchase licence / & receyue / & kepe / two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that the bretherne & sones of all temporal lordes whiche are borne in wedlocke / may every of them purchase licence or dispensacion / and receyue / & kepe / as many personages or benefices with cure as p chapleyns of a duke or an archbishop. And lykewyse the bretherne and sones borne in wedlocke of every knyght / may every of them purchase licence or dispensacion / & receyue / & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule.

¶ Prouyded alway that the said chapleyns so purchasyng / takyn / receyving / & keepyn benefices with cure of soule as is aforesaid / shalbe bounde to have & exhibyte where neede shalbe / letters vnder the sygne & seale of the kyng or other thes lordes and maister / testyfyng whos chapleyns they be. And els nat to enjoye any suche pluralite of benefices by suche chapeleyn. Any thyng in this acte nat withstandinge.

¶ Be it also prouyded that all doctours and bachelers of divinite / doctours of lawe / and bachelers of the law canon / and every of them whiche shal be admytted to any of the sayd degrees by any of the universytees of this realme / & nat by grace onely / may purchase licence / & take / & kepe / two personages or benefices / with cure of soule. So that always the sayd lybertye by any of the prouysons before sayd gyuen to any of the sayd countelets / chapleyns / & other persons before specified / to purchase licence or dispensacion / & take / receyue / & kepe more benefices than one / after the maner & fowme aforesaid / be taken & vnderstanden to extende in nombere to no more benefices with cure of soule than is abovesynnyed. Accountynge in the same and as pcell therof such benefices with cure of soule as any of p said persons shal have in reall tytle or in their possession at the said first daye of Aprill / in the yere of oure lordes god. M. CCCC. xxi.

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It is enacted also that every archbishop, because he must occupy, with chapelens at consecrations of bishops. And every bishop because he must occupy, in chapelens at giving of orders & consecration of churches, may every of them have two chapelens over & above the nombre above limited unto them wherof every one may purchase licence and dispensacion, and take, receive, and keep, as many personages & benefices, with cure of soules as is before assigned to suche chapelens. It is also enacted also & he is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no pson or persons to whom any nombre of chapelens, or any chapelyn by any of the provisions aforesaid is limited, shall in any wise by colour of any of the same provisions, advance any spiritual person or persons above the nombre to them appointed, to receive or keep any more benefices with cure of soules, than is above limited by this acte, any thing specified in the said provisions notwithstanding, & if they do, than every suche spiritual person & persons so advanced above the said nombre to incur to the payn and penaltye conteyned in this acte.

Be it also furthermore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that as wel every spiritual person now being promoted to any archdeaconry, deanry, or dignite in any monastery or cathedral church, or other church conventuall or collegiall, or being beneficed with any personage or vicarage, as all & every spiritual person and persons, which hereafter shall be promoted to any of the said dignities, or beneficed in any personage or vicarage, from the feast of last Michael the archangell next coming, shall be personally resident & abiding, in, at, and upon his said dignite, prebende, or benefice, or at one of them at the least. And in case any suche spiritual person at any tyme after his said feast, keep nat residence as one of his said dignities, prebende or benefices, as is aforesaid, but absent him selfe wholly by the space of one moneth together, or by the space of ii. monethes to be accounted at severall tymes in any one yere, & make his residence & abiding in any other places by suche tyme, that than he shall forfeit for every suche default, s. ii. sterling. The one half therof to his kyng our souerayne lord, & the other halfe of the same to the partye that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writ of det. byll, playnt, or informacion. In whiche accyon & sute the defendaunt shall nat waige his law, nor have anyesson or protection allowed.

And if any person or persons procure or obtayn at the court of Rome or els when any manner of licence or dispensacion to be none resident at their said dignities, prebende or benefices contrary to this acte, that than every suche pson or persons putting in execution any suche dispensacion or licence for him selfe from the sayde first day of Aprill in the yere of our lord god, M. v. C. &. xxx. shall ten & incur in the penaltye damage, & payn of xx. li. sterling for every tyme so doing to be forfeited and recovered as is above sayd, and such licence or dispensacion so procured, or to be put in execution to be voyde and of none effecte.

It is also always by this acte of none residence, shall nat in any wise extende ne be pjudiciall to any suche spiritual pson as shall chauce to be in his kyngs service beyond his see, nor to any pson or persons going to any pilgrymage or holy place beyond his see during his tyme, & they shall so be in his kynges service or in their pilgrymages going & returning home, nor to any scolar or scolers being conversant and abiding for study without fraude or covyn at any universite within this realme or without, nor to any of the chapelens of the kyng or quene, daylong quarterly attending & abiding



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abdyng in the kynges or quenes most honorable householdes. Nor to any of the cha-  
peleyns of þe prynce or prynces or any of þe kynges or quenes chyldren/brethren or  
systerne/attendyng dayly in thei honorable householdes/duryng so long as thei shall  
attende in any of thei sayd householdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of any archebysshop  
or bysshop or of any spirytual or tēporall lordes of the plyment, dayly attendyng/  
abdyng & remainyng in any of thei honorable householdes. Nor to any chape-  
leyn of any duches/marques/contesse/vycontesse or baronne/attendyng dayly &  
abdyng in any of thei honorable householdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of þe lord chañ-  
cellour or tresorer of England/þe kynges chamberleyn or steward of his household  
for the tyme beyng/the tresourer and countroller of the kynges most honorable  
household/for the tyme beyng/attendyng dayly in any thei honorable householdes.  
Nor to any chapeleyn of any of þe knyghtes of the honorable ordre of the garter or  
of the chete Justyce of the kyngs benche/wardeyn of the portes, or also þe mayster of  
the rolles. Nor to any chapeleyn of the kynges secretary, & deane of the chapell, or  
anner for the tyme beyng, dayly attendyng & dwellynge in any their householdes  
duryng the tyme that any suche chapeleyn or chapeleyns shall abyde & dwell with  
out fraude or couyn in any of the sayd honorable householdes. Nor to the mayster of  
the rolles, or deane of the arches. Nor to any chauncellour or compylar of any arch-  
bysshop or bysshop. Nor to as many of the xij. maysters of the chauncery, and xij. ad-  
vocates of the arches, as be, or hereafter shalbe spirytual men, duryng so long tyme  
as they shall occupye thei sayd romes & offices. Nor to any suche spirytual persons  
as shall happen by Injunctyon of the lord chauncelloure, or the kynges counsell to  
be bounde to any dayly apparaunce & attendaunce to answer to the lawe duryng  
the tyme of suche Injunctyon.

And poynted also that it shalbe lesfull to every spirytual pson or persons beyng cha-  
peleyns to the kyng our souerayn lord, to whom it shal please his hyghnes to gyue  
any benefices or promociouns spirytual to what nombze so ever it be, to accepte and  
take the same, without incurrng þe daunger, penalty, & forfeyture in this estatute  
comprised. And that also it shall be lesfull to the kynges hyghnes to gyue lycence to  
every of his owne chapeleyns for none residence vpon thei benefices. Any thyng  
in this present acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it furthermoze enacted by the auctozyte aforesayd that no spirytual pson  
seculer or regular, beneficed with cure as is afoze reherced, fro þe feast of saynt My-  
ghel the archaungell next comyng, by auctozyte of any maner lycence, dispensacio  
or otherwyle, shall take any pticuler stypende or salary to synge for any soule, nor  
haue or occupye by hym selfe, or by any other to his vse any psonage or bycarage in  
ferme, of the lease or graunt of any person or persons, nor take any profyte or rent  
out of any ferme, vpo payn to forfeyt. xl. s. for every such weke that he or any to his  
vse shall occupye, or haue any suche stypende or ferme contrary to this present acte.  
And vpon payn to lose. x. tymes the value of suche profyte or rent as he shal take out  
of any suche ferme after the sayd feast. The one halfe of such forfeytures to be to the  
kyng our souerayne lord, and the other moyte to hym that wyl sue for the same by  
origynall wryt, byll, playnt of det, or by informacyon in any of the kynges courtes  
In whiche sute and accyon no wager of law shall be admytted for the defendaunt,  
nor any esson or proteccyon allowed.

And poynted alway þe no deanery, archdeaconry, chauncellershyp, tresourer shyp  
chaunter shyp,

for no pson  
of q. b. d.  
attendant  
to the  
ch. of the  
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chauncerye/ or pbenre/ in any cathedral or collegial churche/ nor personage þ hatth  
a bycar indued/ nor any benefyce perpetuallly appropriate/ betaken or cōprehended  
vnder þ name of benefyce/ haung cure of soule in any article afoze specified. **¶** Pro  
vyded also & be it enacted by the auctozite afozesayd/ þ no spirytuall person or per  
sons/ regular or secular/ of what estate/ degre or condicyon so euer he or they be/ fro  
þ fyrst day of Apryll next comyng/ haue/ vse/ or kepe/ by hym or them selfe/ or by any  
person or persons to his or their vse or cōmodite/ any maner tanhouse or tanhouses  
to be vled or occupied to his or their owne vse/ commodite/ or behofe/ nor fro þ sayd  
fyrst day of Apryll next comyng/ shall haue/ vse/ or kepe/ any maner of brewhous or  
brewhouses/ to any other vse/ intent or behofe/ thā onely to be spēt & occupied i his  
or their owne houses/ vpon payn to forseyt for euery moneth so vsyng & occupyng  
any of the said mysteries or occupacyōs. **¶** The one moyte therof to the kyng out  
souerayn lord/ & the other moite to hym þ wyll sue for the same by dygynall wyrt/  
byll/ playnt of det/ or informacion/ in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche actiō &  
sute no wager of law shalbe admitted for the defendauit/ ne any esson nor proteccyō  
allowed. **¶** Prouyded alway þ euery duchesse/ marques/ couētesse/ baronesse/ wy  
dowes/ which haue taken or þ herafter shal take any husbandes vnder þ degre of a  
baron/ may take such nōbre of chapleins as is aboue limited to the being wydowes.  
And þ euery such chapleyn may purchase lyceit to haue & take such nōbre of bñfyces  
to cure of soule/ & haue lyke lyberty of non resydence i maners forme as thei might  
haue done yf their said ladyes & maystresses had kept the selfe wydowes. Any thyng  
in this present acte conteyned to þ contrary notwithstanding. **¶** Prouyded alway þ  
euery spirytuall pson or psons haung landes/ tenementes/ or other possessyōs in þ  
tyght of their houses aboue the yerely value of. viii. **¶** markes/ may kepe & retayn i  
their occupacion & manurance as moche as their sayd lādes & tenementes & other  
possessyōs as shalbe necessary & sufficient for pasturage of their cattels/ & for tyllage  
of cornes to be employed & spent for the onely mayntenance/ sustentacyon & keepyng  
of his or their householdes & hospytalites/ without fraude or couyn. Any thyng in  
this present acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding. **¶** Prouyded alway that  
it may be lesfull to euery spirytuall person & persons/ to take in ferme any meases/  
mansyons/ or dwelling houses/ haung but onely or chardes or garbeyns/ in any  
cyte/ borough/ & towne for their owne habitaciō or dwelling. Any thing in this acte  
to þ contrary notwithstanding. So þ no pson spūall other thā be aboue prouyded for/  
for their none resydence haue any lyberty of non resydence by colour of this pūllō.

**¶** In acte concernyng lynnyn clothe/ called dowlas.

and lokerams.

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A moste humble wyle sheweth vnto the kyng/ hyghites/ & to the  
lordes spirytuall & temporall/ & the commons in this present parly  
ment assembled. The lynnyn drapers inhabytauntes within the  
cyte of London/ vsyng to sell lynnyn clothe called dowlas & lo  
keram/ of the cōmodytes wrought and made in Wyrtayne in the  
parties beyonde the see/ that where by al the tyme wherof mynde  
of man is nat to the contrary/ in the tyme of þ kyng/ most nobles  
pgeyntours/ all luche marchantes/ as well Englyssh as straigers/ as at any tyme  
brought or conueyed the sayd dowlas and lokeram into this realme of Englander/  
brought & conueyed the same in peces or halfe peces/ euery hole pece of dowlas con  
teynynge



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comynge in length, in bredth, and in goodnes, to every elle one ynche of asshe, and in the bredth of a parde of asshe, every half pence lilles in length, .i. l. parde of bredth of yow asshe, and all the hole pence and half pence of one goodnes in makinge, as well the pence of loketams to be of lyke length, as the hole pence of Dowlas, and every half pence of loketams to be of lyke length, as the half pence of Dowlas, and every such hole pence and half pence to be in bredth a hole parde, lasinge a haille of the parde, and every pence and half pence to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same pence, whiche whan it was so bred, was to the great poynt of all the knynges subiectes. And now of late within the space of .xx. or .xxx. yeres passed, by divers persons for theirowne singular lucre have brought all the sayd Dowlas and loketams in half pences, which half pence lilles in every such one half pence of the due length, .iiij. or .v. elles, and some moze, some lesse, besyde the bredth of asshe, accustomed to the great and extreme hurt of the knynges poore subiectes, occupiers, buyers, and sellers of the same. It may therefore please your highnes, with the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, to enacte and establishe, that no person or persons, englyssh nor stranger, denysyn or alpen, from or after the feest of saynt Michell the archaungell next comynge, shal bynyge and convey, or cause to be conveyed, or brought, by any maner of meanes into this realme of Englande any of the sayd lynnen clothe called Dowlas and loketams, but only in hole pences or half pences, of the full lengthes, bredths, goodnes, and in asshe, as is beforesayd, and as here tofore in olde tymes hath be accustomed and used, under payn of forfeiture of the same Dowlas and loketams, so to be brought or conveyed into this realme, nat conteynynge the full length, bredth, goodnes, asshe, or the value thereof, the one half to the kyng our soverayne lord, and the other half of the sayd forfeiture to him or them that shal take or seale the same, or sue for the same by action, information, bill, or other wyse. In whiche actions, lutes, or informations, no wages of lawe nor esson shalbe admitted.

**It is also enacted** that all termers may enjoye thei lesse agaynst recouerees had by sayned titles, and falsely the same recouerees. Ca. xij.

Here afore this tyme divers persons have made leases of thei maters, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, somtyme by thei indentures, and somtyme wout indentures, to other persons for terme of yeres, takynge of them great tynges for the incowmes of the same leases, and after the same leassours, thei heyres or assignes, have caused and suffered recouerees to be had agaynst them in the court of our soverayne lord the kyng, and in other lordes courtis, upon sayned and untrue titles, by craft or couyn to put the sayd termers from thei sayd termes. And after such recouerees had, the same recouerees, by reason of such recouerees and judgements, have entred into the same maners, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes so to ferme letten, and therof have expulled the sayd termers contrary to thei sayd leases, covenantes, and agreementes. And because it was doubted to some persons whether the sayd termers myght falselye such recouerees or nat.

**Be it therefore enacted** by the kyng our soverayne lord, by assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all such termers shal and may falselye for this tyme onely such recouerees, as well here tofore had, as hereafter to be had, in such wyse and

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borne as tenant of a freehold / that a may do by the iourle of p. consolat. where such tenant of freehold was neyther buy nor partie to p. same recoverer. And p. the same termes / these executors & assignes / notwithstandinge suche recoverers so had / that retyene / holde / & enioye their said termes accordyng to their said lesses agaynst all suche recoverers / their heyres & assignes as they shulde or myght have done agaynst p. said lessours / yf such recovery had nat be had ne sufficed / & p. p. same recoverer / their heyres & assignes after suche recovery so had / that have lyke remedy agaynst p. same termes their executors & assign / by suowry or action of det for p. rētes & seruyces reserved upon the same lesses beyng due after p. same recoverers / & also lyke accions agaynst the for. wast done after the same recoverers so had / in lyke maner & forme as p. said lessours shuld or myght have had yf the same recoverers had never be had. And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid / that no maner of statute of the Staple / statute marchaunt / nor execution by elegit / be hereafter auoyded / or in any wyse made frustrate by meanes of any suche fawned recoverye / but that all persons hauping any lādes / tenementes / or other hereditamentes in execution / or beyng intypled to have execution of any maners / lādes / or tenementes by any suche meanes / shall have by force by this estatute lyke remedy to auoyde & falsify p. said recoverers as before is ordeyned and prouyded for the lesse for. terme of yeres.

Ca. xvi. An acte concernyng artificers straungers.

**D**urynge the comons in this present parliament asssembled that where in p. xv. daye of february / in the .xx. yere of the reygne of our now moost gracious souerayne ladye kynge Henry the. viij. by oure sayde souerayne ladye the kynge / his moost honorable counsell in his Sterre chambye at westm. for the comon welth of his naturall subiectes borne within this his realme by greet and delibetate aduys / it was demed / adyuged / & decreed / p. no strainger artificer borne out of our said souerayne ladye his obersaice / inhabytyng wthin any cyte / borough / or any othet place wthin this his realme of England / fro hēforth shuld kepe in his or their house or houses / any maner of straungers seruauntes borne out of his obersaice but onely .ii. seruauntes straungers & no mo at one tyme. And also al a synguler straungers p. thā were or after p. makynge of p. said decree shulde be made denyse / p. at the tyme or after the makynge therof wolde inhabyte wthin the cyte of London / suburbs / or wthin .ij. myles copas of p. same / & kepe or wold kepe houses or occupy their craft shuld be contributaries to & with our said souerayn ladye his subiects artificers wthin p. said cyte of London payeng / beryng / or susteynyng / such charg / as herafter shalbe expēd / p. is to say / p. al othet straungers artificers / denysses or no denysses of euery hād craft / or mystery / inhabytyng aswell wthin p. cyte of Lōdo as in any othet cyte / towne / borough / or byllage wthin th. realme / shuld pay / bere / & susteyn / al such & lyke charg / as our said souerayn ladye his subiects of lyke craft & mystery / do alwayse be to pay. And if any of the refused or denyed p. same or any pte therof / thā he or they so denyng or refusyng so to do / shuld nat any lōger occupy any hād craft wth p. paynes domag / & pārels / specyfied aswel in p. actes & statutes made in p. rish. & .xv. yeres of p. reygne of our now souerayn ladye / as in one estatut made i p. first yere of p. reygne of kynge Rychard p. iij. And p. same straungers / denysses or no denysses householders / whiche wold remayn & abyde wthin our said souerayn ladye his realme / shuld upon lawfull warnyng to the gyven by the mayster and wardens of dyuers & some of his misteryes / mencioned and specyfied in p. said decrees wthin the said cyties and townes



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townes present them selfe in the comon halle or metynge place of the said craftes/ and there to receyue and take their othe/ and be sworne vpon the holy Euangelyst before the mayster and wardeyns of their said crafte to be faythfull and trewe to the kyng our souerayne lord/ and his heyres kynges of Englande/ and to be obedient to him and them and his and their lawes.

Also that no straunger artifycer or handy craftes man borne out of our said souerayne lord his obeyaunce/ nat beyng denysen/ which was nat a houtholder. p. xv. daye of februarye aboue said/ shulde nat set by ne kepe any house/ shoppe/ shoppes/ or chambre/ wherein they shulde exercyse or occuppe any handy crafte or mysterye/ within this our said souerayne lord his realme/ vppon payn to incurre and renne into suche penaltys as be conteyned in the statutes before this tyme made & enacted as is aforesayd. And that none of the said straungers artifycers or handy craftes men borne out of our said souerayne lord his obeyaunce/ as wel denysens as no denysens/ shulde assemble in any company/ felowshyp/ congregacyon or couen-tycle, but onely in the comon hall of their craftes, with our said souerayn lord his subiectes, whiche be of the compaynes of their said crafte or craftes, at suche tyme as they shulde be commaunded and warned by the said maysters and wardeyns of their said crafte or craftes, and at none other place and tyme, or in any other maner, vppon the payne afoze expessed, as by the said decree shewed and exemplied, and here vnto annexed vnder our said souerayn lord the kyng his great seale more playnly and at large it may and dothe appere, that for p. comon welthe aboue said it may be enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by p. auctoryte of p. same that the said order and decre, had, gyuen, & made, by our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, his moost honorabile countell, & all and euery thyng therein conteyned, spe- cyfied & declared, be holden and obserued fyrm and stable, and duely to be put in execucion, in euery poynt and artycle, in maner & fourme as is aboue reherfed, ac- cordyng to the purpote, effecte, and trewe meanynge of the same.

Be it furthermore enacted by the auctoryte aboue sayde, that the acte made in the parlyamēt begon at London the. xv. day of Apryll, in the. xliij. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is, & from London adiourned to meet in the last daye of July, in the. xv. yere of the reygne of our said souerayne lord concey- nyng straungers artifycers, for takynge of apprentyes, iourneymen, & couenaunt seruautes, and euery artycle and prouysions conteyned in the same acte, shall be from hensforth put in due execucion to the trewe entent, meanynge, and purpote, of the same, as well within the cyte of London as in all other cyties, boroughes, & townes corporate within this realme, & the same to endure perpetually, any thyng conteyned in the said acte or decree, to the contrary nat withstandynge.

Wherbyd always p. no artifycer aliaut or straunger borne out of p. kynges obey- saunce, beyng a houtholder or inhabityng win any of p. vniuersites of Oxforde & Ca- mbridge, or win the sentuary of saynt Martyn le graut win p. cyte of London shall fro hensforth haue or retein in their seruyce iourneymē, or appretyes, beyng aliaut, or esttraungers borne, aboue p. nobre of. x. psons at one tyme, vpo payne of p. penalty conteyned in the said acte made in p. said. xliij. and. xv. yere of our said souerayn lord.

D. ij.

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The prouysions conteyned or specyfied in the same acte nat withstanding.

The decret made in the Sterre chambre for artifyers straungers by the kynges moost honourable counsell the. xx. day of february in the xx. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lorde kyng Henry the. viij.



Henricus octauus dei gratia Anglie et francie rex/ fidei defen-  
sor et dominus Hibernie. Oibus ad quos presentes littere per-  
uenerint salutem. Insuperimus quoddam breue nostrum de Cer-  
clozand Thome Elyot clerico concilij nostri directi/ et in filacijs  
Cancellar nostre residen in hec verba. Dilecto sibi Thome Elyot  
armigero clerico concilij nostri salutem. Volentes certis de cau-  
sis certiorare super tenore cuiusdam finalis decreti coram nobis  
et consilio nostro habit de et super executione quorundam statu-  
torum et ordinationu contra alienigeni exercentes artes et artificia manualia inha-  
bitantes infra regnu nostrum Anglie/ edit et prouis tibi precipimus quod tenorem  
finalis decreti predict cum oibus eam tangentibus nobis in Cancellar nostram sub  
sigillo tuo distincte et apte sine dilatic ne mittas et hoc breue T. me ipso apd westm  
xiiij. die. Aprilis. Anno regni nostri vicelimo. Insuperimus etiam quoddam decretu  
per nos et concilium nostru apud westm in Camera stellata redditum et in filacijs  
eiusdem Cancellar nostre similiter residen in hec verba.

Here of late our trewe & fapthful subiectes/ artifyers/ and handy craftes  
men borne vnder our obeysaunce/ inhabytynge win our cyte of London  
& the subarbes of p same: exhibited vnto vs a lamentable byll of complaynt  
conteynyng that nat withstanding many good & necessary statutes and  
actes of parlyament haue ben edified/ ordeyned and made. And especial  
one in the xxiij yere of kyng Rycharde the. iij. And the other beyng made/ in p yere  
of p reygne of our dereft father of noble memozy/ Henry the. vij. Late kyng of this  
our realme/ & in the. xiiij. & xv. yere of our reygne. Concernyng p straungers artify-  
ters & handy craftes men borne out of our obeysaunce/ vsyng & exercysyng handy  
craftes within this our realme of Englande/ aswell for the restraynyng of p excel-  
syue nombre & vnreasonable behaupour of the same straungers artifycers borne out  
of our obeysaunce/ whiche contynual resorte & repayre into this our said realme/ day  
ly encreased/ to the great detryment of our owne naturall subiect/ artifycers of p  
same handy craftes & mysteryes. And of other sondry inconueniences by occaly p  
byuers of the said subiect/ for lacke of occupation/ fall vnto ydlenes/ as also for p re-  
formacyon of sondry disceytes & falshodes practysed by the said straungers artificers  
in theyr said handy craftes/ to p great damage & losse of vs & of all our said naturall  
subiect. The said straungers artifycers nothyng pondryng or dreyng p said statu-  
tes/ ne p penalties in the same cōteyned & expressed/ cease nat cōtēptuously/ aswell  
to abuse p said statutes/ as moost parte entyerly to enfryng & breke p same. And to  
accumulate fro tyme to tyme moze offences & enormytees/ aswel agayn our preroga-  
tyfe as to p detrimēt of the comon welth of this our realme/ & our louyng subiect  
of the



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of the same/for whā any serche shall be made in euery hādy crafte within any cyte/  
towne/or borough corporate within our sayd realme by our subiects the said wardenis  
and other/ordeyned by the said last acte of hādy craft men within any cyte/towne/or  
borough corporate. And one householdier straūger borne out of our obeysaūce inhaby  
tyng within our said cyte/towne/or borough corporate/dyng any hādy craft/be he  
denysē or nat denysē. The said straūger beyng a householdier as betore is said/beyng  
lawfully warned & req̄red therunto/accoṛdyng to p̄ said acte/other wyl refuse to do  
his duetie therein/or els he wyl gyue secret warnyng therof to his betherne of p̄ said  
craft/wherby they haue nat only conueyed & hyd al their vnlaful/vntrue/subtyl  
& disceyful wares/whiche they vntruly/subtely/vnsubstācially/& disceyfully/haue  
made & dayly make & vtter to our subiects at excessyue & vnresonable pryce to p̄ great  
p̄trymēt & damages of our said subiectes/but also their seruātes & p̄tyces/they  
haue hydde frō p̄ knowlege of p̄ said wardenis/whā any suche serche hath happened  
to be made/& so they defraude p̄ same good & honozable estatute & act/so p̄ therof no  
laful punysshment could/can/myght/or may ēsue/accoṛdyng to p̄ tenure purp̄te/&  
effect of p̄ said statute/but they cōtēpne/dyspyce & set at nought p̄ same/wherby & by  
p̄ other vnlaful meanes aforesaid & others subtylly sc̄dyng & cōueyenge ouer p̄ see  
haco/these/powderyd beffes/mottōs & other cōmoditytes withi this our realme/nat  
only within and out of p̄ said cyties/townes/& boroughes corporat. But also with  
in and out of other places throughtout our realme by them p̄ said straūgers p̄actyed  
and executed/wherby they dayly encrease in great rychesse & in great multytude in  
nōbres of straūgers/hādy crafty mē borne out of our obeysaūce. And whā they haue  
gathered moch rychesse & money/they agaynst our lawes cōuey p̄ same money ouer  
the see. And than they also go ouer the see into their cōūtrets/& there purchase them  
lādes & tenemētes with parte therof and with p̄ resydue of p̄ same they p̄ue therby  
and somtymes they conuerte parte therof to the vse of our enemyes in those parties.  
And so aswel our pooze subiectes Corde wayners/and also our subiectes hādy craft  
men/borne within our obeysaūce/by p̄ meanes aforesaid be soze impouerysshed/my  
nysshed & almost vtterly decayed & destroyed/& many of thē for lacke of occupacyon  
in the said hādy craftes/be cōstrayned to lyue in ydlenesse by occasyō wherof they  
do contynally fall to theste/murder/& other great offences/& consequently in great  
nombres be put to deth by our lawes as we be informed. And also p̄ great scarcyte  
of grayne and bytell at this present tyme throughtout this our realme to be the moze  
enforced/& caused by reason of great multytude & contynuall recours of p̄ said straū  
gers/hādy craftes men/whiche consume a great porcyon of corne & bytyle/gro  
wen and bred within this our realme. The p̄mysses considered to the entent to be  
therof moze parfytly and trewly instructed/for the charytable zeale p̄ we haue to the  
cōmen weale of oure realme and our said subiectes of the same. And for the quyet  
nesse of the said straungers/we haue assygned and gyuen in cōmaūdemēt to oure  
lordes/& other of our counsell/indysferently to examyne the p̄mysses/and aswell  
to here the said complayntes/as the said defendaūtes/& their allegaūtes and  
saynges/of/in/& to the p̄mysses/and to euery parte therof/and the same by thē  
harde/examyned/and by good delyberate aduysē vnderstanden/to ordeyn/aduige  
and decree the same/after their wysdomes & lernyng/where vpon aswell the said  
byll of cōplaynt/the answer of the sayd defendaūtes there vnto made/the repleca  
cyon of the sayde complaynaūtes/to the sayde answer also made, And all other  
allegaūtes

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allegeantes & saynges of bothe the sayd parties/by mature and delibérate aduysse by our sayde counsell repelye / examyned / herde / and vnderstande.

¶ It is ordeyned / & adynged / & decreed / the .x. day of february / in this p̄sent terme of saynt Hilary / in the .xx. yere of our reygne / in our Sterred chambre by the moost reuerent fader in god lord Thomas Cardynall legate de latere / of p̄ apostolyke les Archebysshop of yorke / prymate and chauncelloure of Englande / and by our nobles and others of our sayde counsell / and by the mutuall assentes of the complaynautes and defendautes than there beyng / in maner and forme folowynge. That is to say that accordynge to the acte of parlyament made the sayde .xiiij. and .xv. yere of our reygne / that no straunger artfycer bozne out of our obeyssaunce / inhabytynge / with in any cyte / towne / or borough / or any other place within this our realme of Englan from then forth / shall kepe in his or theyr house or houses / any maner of seruautes straungers bozne out of our obeyssaunce / but onely tow straungers seruautes / and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers / artfycers now inhabytynge within any cyte / towne / or borough corporate / or in any other place / within our realme / p̄ wyl be appetyles or seruautes to or with any of our subiectys artfycers bozne within our obeyssaunce exercysynge newe or olde stufte / inhabytynge with in our realme / shall be suffred so to abyde and dwell with thē / without interrupcyō as long as they wyl so contynue and abyde / with them / and can agre together.

¶ And furthermore it is decreed that it shall be lefull / to all & euery of p̄ sayd straungers artfycers now beyng householders within our sayd realme / to take as many of our subiectes bozne within our obeyssaunce / to be theyr seruautes or appentyles in the crafte / that they do exercyse as they can lawfully gette. And p̄ all p̄ itraungers artfycers now beyng householders within our sayde cyte of London / subarbes / parishes / or compass therof / expessed in the sayd statutes / or within .ii. myles compass of the sayde parishes. And also all & synguler straungers that now be / or herafter shall be made denysens / that do or hereafter wyl inhabyte within oure sayde cyte of London / subarbes / or parishes afore sayde or within two myles compasse of the same / and kepe houses and occupye theyr craft / shall be contributorye to and / with our subiectes artfycers within our cyte of London / payenge / beyng / and susteynyng suche charges as hereafter shall be expessed. That ys to saye / as well euery of the sayde straungers beyng of the crafte and mysterye of Cordwayners / householders / or denysens that now be / or here after shall be made denysens / and shall inhabyte within oure sayde cyte / subarbes / parishes / or two myles compasse of the same / shall quarterly paye to the sayde mayster / wardens / & commynalte of the sayd crafte of Cordwayners / within our sayde cyte of London for p̄ tyme beyng .viij. s. And euery seruaunt straunger of the sayde occupacyon of the sayde Cordwayners within the sayd cyte / subarbes / and p̄syncte / nat beyng denysē / shall quarterly paye to the sayde maysters / wardens / and commynalte .iiij. s. And that all other straungers artfycers and Denysens of euery handye crafte and mysterye / inhabytynge aswell within our sayde cyte of London / as in any other cyte or towne within this oure realme / shall paye / here / and sustayne all suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and mysterye bozne out of our obeyssaunce / inhabytynge within the cyte / borough / towne / of theyr inhabytacyō at this tyme / do here / and sustayne / And also all straunges artfycers / and denysens exercysynge the crafte



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the crafte & myſtes of Cordwayners dwellinge out of our ſaide cytye of London  
in any other cytye or towne within this our realme / ſhall pay / bere / and ſuſtayne /  
ſcotte / tares / tallage / ſubſydes / preſtes / & all other reaſonable exactions ſet byne  
to tyme / accordynge as the foreſaid mayſters / wardens / and compaignes of the ſaid  
craftes for the tyme beinge / ſhall be bounde to pay / bere / & ſuſtayne / whan any ſuch  
ſtope / tace / tallage / or preſt / or other reaſonable charges ſhall by the mayre & alder-  
men of our ſaid cytye of London & the Mayres & aldermen of our ſaid other cyties /  
and townes / or by the comon counſel of the ſaid cytye / cyties / and townes / of and  
for any charges or paymētes of money to be payd by the compaignes of the ſaid craftes  
cytezens of any cytye / for any payment to be made to the kyniges highnes / or his  
heires / or els to be payd for any cauſe concerning the comon welth of any oure ſaid  
cyties or townes / or comon welth of the ſaid artificers / the ſaid ſtraungers ſhall pay  
all the ſame that they ſhall be aſſeſſed or taxed to paye / as contributores with y<sup>e</sup> ſaid  
compaignes beinge our ſubiettes / as oure ſaid ſubiettes ſhall be aſſeſſed and taxed to  
pay. And yf any of the demy or reſuſe y<sup>e</sup> ſame / or any parte therof / than he or they de-  
nyenge & reſuſynge ſo to do / ſhall nat onely loſe the benefyte of this decret / but alſo  
ſhall nat any longer occupy any handycrafte / vpon the paynes / daungers / & perils  
ſpecified in the aboue remembred actes and ſtatutes.

¶ And yf alwell all & euery of the ſaid houſholders ſtraungers aforeſaid / as all other  
ſtraungers artificers / made or to be made denizens / ſhall be houſholders / & inha-  
byte and occupy any crafte within our ſaid cytye / ſuburbes / or ii. myle compas of the  
ſame as long as they ſhall remayn & abyde within the ſaid cytye / ſuburbes / and ii.  
myle compas of the ſame / beinge reaſonably requyred & warned by the wardens &  
other pſons gouernours in any cytye / towne / or borough / port of the ſaid craftes  
wthin any of our ſaid cyties or townes corporate / or by any of the for the tyme beinge  
or by the ſaid lawfull deputies or deputye / ſhall go with the ſaid wardens or other go-  
uernours there as mo wardens be / to make ſerche accordynge to y<sup>e</sup> aboue remembred  
actes of parlyament made in the. xliij. &. xlv. yere of our reygne / whiche if they reſuſe  
to do / and that proued befoze the chauncelloure of Englande / or befoze the mayre of  
London / & other cyties / befoze the cheyf perſons of the ſaide cyties or townes / for  
the tyme beinge / that thā y<sup>e</sup> ſame houſholders or houſholder / ſo offſpyng / denyng  
or reſuſynge y<sup>e</sup> ſame / ſhall no léger y<sup>e</sup> ſame his occupaciō exerciſe or uſe wthin this our  
realme / vpon payn / perell / & daunger expreſſed in y<sup>e</sup> afore remembred actes & ſtatutes.  
& y<sup>e</sup> the ſame ſtraungers artificers denizens or nat denizens houſholders / whiche will  
remayne & abyde within our ſaid realme / ſhall vpon lawfull noyſe them given by y<sup>e</sup>  
mayſter & wardens of their crafte / or one of them perſonally preſent the ſclues in  
the comon hall or meetyng place of their ſaid craftes / wthin our ſaid cyties and tow-  
nes / there as they be inhabytyng. And than & theſe euery of them to receyue &  
take their othes / & be ſworne vpon the holy Euangelyst / befoze the mayſter & war-  
dens of their ſaid crafte & myſtery / wthin oure ſaid cyties & townes corporate / to  
be faythfull & true to vs & oure heires kyniges of Englande. And to be obedient to  
vs and then and our and their lawes / and to all actes / ordinaunces / and decretes  
made and conſyrmed by vs and oure counſell / or by oure countell / and demely and  
tremely at all tymes whan they ſhall be appointed by the wardens of their ſelfe  
ſhippe / crafte / or myſtery / for the tyme beinge / or their deputies / to make ſerche  
with

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In then accordyng to the purport tenure or effect of an estatute & acte of parliament  
 made in the xiii. & xiv. yere of our reygne and haue warnynge & monyfyed therof w<sup>th</sup>  
 the sayd wardens or any of them / or any other theyr sufficient deputye or deputies  
 in & behalfe to them made and gyven. And & they shall be tresp<sup>er</sup> to go with the sayd  
 wardens to make the same serche. And & they shall nat gyve notycc to any strainger  
 w<sup>th</sup> of the sayd serche / buttill they with the sayd wardens come togyther to make  
 sayd serche / and that they shall well / indyfferently / and trewly / behaue them in the  
 same. Set all offencion / fauoure / malice / indybede of any creature / and all fraude  
 and descarte a parte. So helpe them god and all sayntes / and by the holy Euangelyst  
 And theyr othe so reserued in some aforesayd / the sayd straingers shall pay for theyr  
 admysyon / accordyng as our sayd subiectes haue alway bled to pay. ¶ It is also  
 further decreed that no strainger artificer / or handy craftes man / borne out of our  
 oberyshyre / nat beyng denysyn whiche at & day of the making of this decre is nat a  
 howsholder within this our realme / or kepeth any shoppe or shoppes within the sayd  
 cytye and subarbes / or any othe cytye / towne / or boroughe / within this our realme  
 shall from that daye forwarde / set vp / or kepe / any house / shoppe / or chamber / with  
 in our cytye of London subarbes / or parishes before reherfed / or within any other  
 cytye / towne / boroughe / or byllage / within this our realme / wherin he shall exerce  
 se and practyse any handy crafte or mystry / vpon payn to incurre and ren in suche  
 penalties / as he conteyned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted. ¶  
 And & none of & sayd straingers / artificers / or handy crafte men borne out of our  
 oberyshyre / as well denysens as other shall assible in any company / felyshyp / cōgre-  
 gacyō / or cōuentye / but only in the cōmō hall of theyr craftes / with our subiectes /  
 whiche be of the cōpany of theyr sayd craft / or craft / at such tyme as they shall be cō-  
 manded and warned by the mayster and wardens of the sayd crafte or craftes /  
 at nong other place & tyme / or in any other maner vpon payne aforesayd. ¶ It is  
 ordeyned alway that this decree & euery parte therof cōcernyng the crafte & mystry of  
 Cordewayners shall extende as well to the & worke olde stufte as newe / within our  
 cytye of London / the subarbes of the same / or in any other cytye / towne / boroughe / or  
 byllage / w<sup>th</sup> in this our realme of Englode. ¶ It is ordeyned also & natwithstandyng any  
 wordes cōpyled in this decree / the straingers / artificers / denysens or nat denysed  
 inhabytyng in the uniuersyties of Oxenfoorde / and Canibryge / & within the seuer  
 mary of saynt martyns le graut within the cytye of London / shal enioye al the bene-  
 fytes and aduantages reserued vnto the by reason of any prouysion made by acte of  
 parliament explyed in & statute made in the xiii. and xiv. yere of our reygne. So &  
 the sayd straingers denysens or nat denysens / inhabytyng within & sayd sentwary  
 of saynt martyns le graut / be cōfymable to such dyreccon & order as shall be taken  
 by & reuerende father in god Euthberth byshop of London / & Richard Broke knyght  
 chiefe barō of our eschequer / & John Moze knyght / one of the Justices of our bench  
 & John Maunoy & John Metyr knyght / to whome we haue of late dyrected our  
 letters patentes / & by the same gyven them power and auctoryte / & comasyng them  
 and euery of the to cause the house of euery strainger & denysed artificer inhabytyng  
 and dwellyng w<sup>th</sup> in & sayd sentwary to be serched & byewed / how many seruautes he  
 or theyr othe borne out of our oberyshyre / & theyr othe all byewed & seue / than to ap-  
 poynt to euery to & sayd straingers / howsholders inhabytyng / within & sayd sentwary  
 by the in some aforesayde so tresp<sup>er</sup> to be within the bondes and lymettes of & sayde  
 sentwary



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sent wavye suche nombre of seruantes straungers borne out of our obeyssaunce / as they by their discrecions shall thinke couenynt & sufficiēt & nat to be any detrimēt vnto our subiectes inhabytauntes within our said cytye. And comaūdyng in our name all & euery p̄ sayd straungers / denyssens / householders / p̄ they from hensforth do nat kepe within their houses or in any other house / shoppe or chambze within our said cytye of Londō / or the subarbes of the same / any mo seruantes beyng borne out of our obeyssaunce than shalbe to them at the tyme by them appoynted / as they wyl sworde p̄ daiger and penaltrie of our lawes / what they haue done in the premysles that they do certyfy to vs and to our counsell into oure sterre chambze at westm at the .xv. day of Ester next comyng. In wytnesse wherof we wyl alwel p̄ said decrees as all other the premysles shal be exemplified vnder our seale. Nos autem tenorem brevis decreti predicti ad requisitionem magistrī et gardianorum artis sue misterie aulatariorum siue Cordwayners London duximus exemplificandū per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ip̄. lo apud westm̄ vicesimo die Aprilis. And regni nostri vicesimo.

**An acte for the adnullynge of the letters patentes made to the cytye.  
of yorke concernynge shyppyng of wolles.** Ca. xviij

**W**here as the kyng or souerayne lorde vpon sayned suggestyon surmised to his highnes to haue ben for thaduancement of his aūcient cyte of yorke by his lettres patentes graunted vnto the Mayre and cytesens of the same cyte of yorke to shyp conuey transpoyte / and cary vnto p̄ port of Hull in the countie of yorke / wolles & felles / of the growyng of dyuers places in the said countie exp̄ssed as in p̄ sayde letters patentes may appere / the tenure wherof he raster ensueth. Henry p̄. viii. by the grace of god kyng of Englade & of fraunce / defende of p̄ sayth / & lorde of Irelāde to all & euery our Justices / mayres / sheryffes / baylyffes / customers / controllers / coōstables & all other our lyeges & subiectes / as well within the lyberttes as without / gretyng / know you p̄ we of our especyal grace / mere mercyon & lyberalte / haūng a tender zele & loue to thencease / auauuncemēt / & amēdemēt / of our aūcient cyte of yorke / haue gyuē & graūted / & by these p̄sentes gyue & graūte for vs & our heyres as moche as in vs is / vnto our louyng & humble subiectes / p̄ mayre & cytesens of p̄ said cyte / & to euery of thē / & to their heires and successours / & to the heires & successours of euery of thē as longe as they inhabyte and dwell within our said cyte & be free of the same / fre lyberte & lycēce frō hensforth frō tyme to tyme / to shyppe / conuey / transpoyte / & cary vnto our porte of Hull / in our countie of yorke / & from thence to all foreyn contreys & regions at their pleasure by thē selves / their appētices / iourneymē and factours to their owne vse onely. All suche wolles & felles whiche any of p̄ said cytesens inhabtyed in our said cyte & beyng free therof by their featour and polyces of marchandise or other wyse / may laūfully atteyne & come by of the said breed / fallyng growyng & encreasyng / within the lymyttes & places of Houdeshyre / Marchelāde the honour of Dountfert / Otley / the foress of knaresburghe / Rychnode hyre Cleslande / the foress of Gauters / Blakmoze / & yorke wolde / or in any of thē in our sayde countie of yorke without any daiger / payne / trouble / or damage / of any of the said cytesens / their heires / or successours / or losse / leasure of sojournure of any of p̄ sayde wolles or felles / any of them / or any payne punishment / or penalty / for thē / or any

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of them to be had/done/or attempted/or by vs or our heyres/or by any of our mynisters or subiectes in our name or to our vse/or to the vse of our heires/by vertue of any act/vse/or ordinaunce/or estatut here tofore made agaynst any of the said cytezens their heyres or successours/ & without any toll, charge, or imposycion, to be had perceyued & taken to our vse/or to the vse of our heyres/of any of the said cytezens for the said wolles & felles/or any of them/other than suche lyke custome and subledye as the inhabytauntes of our towne of Newcastell for wolles & felles by them shipped & transported to foreyne contreys ben commonly to pay. Any acte or ordinaunce here tofore made or to be made to the contrary nat withstanding/whiche custome & subledye shalbe cōtented to our vse from tyme to tyme by our said cytezens to our custome of the said porte of Hull for the tyme beyng. And more ouer we of our especiall grace by these presentes graunt vnto the said Maye & cytezens that these our present letters of lycence/shall be to the said Maye & cytezens/ & to euery of them to their heyres/heyres/ & successours/ & to their heyres & successours of euery of them at all tymes hereafter good and auaylable for euer agaynst vs & our heyres/in/and for the premysles and for euery of them accordyng to the tenure therof in euery behalfe without any restraynte/repeale/dymynycon/or reuocacyon/hereafter to be had or made therof/or of any parte of the same. All be it there be no expresse mencyon of the very value & certaynte of the premysles in these our letters specyfyed. Any acte or ordinaunce here tofore made/or to be made/ to the contrary nat withstanding. And the said maye and cytezens shal haue these our present letters of lycence vnder our great seale/without any fyne or fee to our vse in our hamper therof to be payde/ & without any further warraunt to be opteyned of vs to be dyrected to any of our mynisters & officers in that behalfe. In wytnesse wherof we haue caused these our letters patētes to be sealed with our great seale at Hampton court/the. xxi. day of August/the. xv. yere of our reygne. Sythen the whiche letters patētes, the said cyte is therby nothyng helped ne encreased accordyng to the said surmyse/ nor the commynalte therof in any thyng therby encreased or auanced/ but suche profyte as dyd growe by reason of the said letters patētes cam to the handes of. iii. or. iiii. persons there onely, contrary to the entent and meanyng of our said souerayne lord, by reason wherof our said souerayne lord hath susteyned and dayly dothe susteyne great losses in his customes, of wolles & felles, & the clotheares there lacke the wolles wherewith they used to make clothe within the said countye, whiche in length sholde nat only growe to the hurt of all the kynges pooze subiectes that be occupped w<sup>th</sup> makinge of clothe in those partyes, but also to the kynges dysinherytaunce and mynyng of his said customes yf it were continued.

**I**n consyderacion wherof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lordes by the aduyse of the lordes spirytual & temporal, & the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by the assent & auctorite of the same, that the said letters patētes and euery thyng therein conteyned, be from hensforth adnulled, repelled and voyde & of none effecte. And that the said maye and cytezens, nor their heyres nor successours shal nat haue nor take from hensforth any auantage, profyte, or comodite by reason of the same letters patētes/or of any lycence & graunt, or any other thyng therein conteyned in any wyse. **W**ounded alway & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd y<sup>e</sup> no cytezen or inhabytantes w<sup>th</sup>in the said cyte, which before the first day of this present parliament haue shipped, conueyed, or caried any wolles or felles into the said porte of Hull by



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Shall by vertue and auctorite of the kynges said letters patentes be charged ne chargeable vnto the kynges hyghnes / for / or with more payment / charge / or imposycō for the said wolles or felles / or any of the / other than with suche lyke customes & subdye as the said inhabytautes of the towne of Newcastle / for wolles and felles by them shypped & transported / vlen comonly to pay accordynge as is afoze reherfed in the letters patentes. And no further ne otherwyle / any informacyon / or any other charge or mater / had / made or herafter to be made / or had in the kynges eschequet or otherwyle for the same to the contrary nat withstandynge.

And acte concernynge Newcastle vpon Tyne / and the porte and hauē there vnto belongynge. Ca. xviij.



Munibly shewen to your hyghnesse your trew & faythful subiectes / the maye burgeys / & cōpnalte of your towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne / wher your grace & your most noble pgenytours kng of England tyme out of mynde haue ben seased of p said towne / & of the portes & hauē of the ryuer of Tyne ther vnto belongynge / & of al grounde w water couered within the said ryuer of Tyne / from one place in the mouth of p said ryuer / called p spashawke / to one other place in p same ryuer called Hedwystremes in their demeane / as of fee / in ryght of their crowne of Englade and as parell of p same. And durynge all p said tyme al manet of pson or persons / as well free men as straungers & denyēs / applyeng or comynge into p said porte / hauē & ryuer / frō any parties of beyōde p see / or of this realme of Englande w shypes / or other vessels / charged / or loden w any maner of wares or marchādyles / or shyppyng / charging / or lodyng / any shypes or vessels with any kynde of marchādyles to be coueyed out of this said porte & hauē / to any partes of this realme of Englad or els wher out of this said realme / haue alwayes durynge all the said tyme / vled to charge / & discharge / lode / & vnlode / their said goodes / wares / & marchādyles / at the said towne of Newcastle / and no wher els within the said porte & hauē / and there haue alwayes payd to your said hyghnes & your said most noble progenytours all customes / subledyes / tolles / & other thynges due for the same / amōtynge petyly to the summe of fyue hondred poundes and aboue : wherof your noble progenytours / your hyghnes / and your assignes haue ben hytherto duely and trewely answered and payed / as in your escheket more ample and at large dothe appere. The which your towne of Newcastle is as well in tyme of wares as of peas / p these key releyf and defence of all the parties of this your realme ther vnto adioynynge. And by reason of the said lyberties and franchises / your said towne hath ben this tyme well replenysshed and mayntened. In so moche as the inhabytautes of your sayde towne of late dayes / haue ben able to serue your hyghnes in your wart / with. iij. C. markyners or mo / apte & able personies for that purpose / tyll now of late that dryuers great personages as well spirytual as temporall hauynge landes adioynynge to the said porte and ryuer betwene the said towne of Newcastle and the see / apte & easy for charging and dyscharging of shypes and marchādyles / haue charged and dyscharged / lodyd / and vnloodyd dryuers shypes and marchādyles within the said porte and hauē at the said places / nat payenge therfore any customes or other dues to your hyghnes / by meatie wherof your sayde towne is lykely to come to vtter decay and ruyne. And the inhabytautes of the same to refuse & relinqyshe p said wyle / & to repayre & reloyte to p sayd places to p great dysheryson of your hyghnes

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& mynishment of your customes / subsidies & duties / & ptytes / customably payd at  
 your towne & port aforesaid. And also where dyuers ways & fyllh gates of late tyme  
 haue be made / rered / fyred / & set in the said port & ryuer of Tyne betwene your said  
 towne & the hye see / by dyuers psons haupng great lades & tynnetes adioynng to þ  
 said ryuer / most specially within the byllhoppeshe of Durham where your gracious  
 wytt doth nat rone / & were your comissions out of your court of Chauncery or other  
 your courtes / do nat take any effect / by meane wherof great sãde beddes / & grauel  
 hepes be growe & cast by in þ said ryuer & port / so þ whin fewe yeres to come no shyp  
 of good burde or weyght shalbe able to come or relopte to your said towne / to the in-  
 estymable hurt of the countreys therunto adioynnge / and to the great damage of  
 this your realme / specially to all persons nedynge see coles / whiche be onely coueyed  
 from the said porte of Newcastle / & in no where elles / had or to be shyped withint  
 this your realme. ¶ In cõsideracion therof it may please your hyghnes of your most  
 habundaunt grace wth the assent of your lordes spirytual & temporal & the comons of  
 this present parlyament assembled / & by the auctorite of the same / to enacte ordeyn /  
 & establishe / þ frõ hensforth any marchaunt or marchautes / or any other person or  
 persons / shal nat shyp / lode / or bulode / charge / or discharge any maner of goodes /  
 wares or marchādises / to be solde here within this your realme or elles where / into  
 or from any shyppe or shippes / or other vessels / in or at any place or places within the  
 said porte ryuer & hauē betwene the said place called the spathawke / and the sayde  
 place called Hedwynthremes / but only at the said towne of Newcastle / & no where  
 els / vpon payne of forfeyture of all suche goodes / wares & marchādises / to þ kyng  
 our souerayn lord / & to his heires kyng / of Englāde / & that it shalbe lesfull vnto the  
 mayre / burgeses & cõmynalte of þ said towne of Newcastle & their successours & al  
 other þ kpges officers there for tyme beyng / for to take & seale al þ said such forfeyt  
 goodes / wares & marchādises to þ vse of our souereyn lord þ kyng & of his heires /  
 & þ value therof to be answered in his eschequer. ¶ Be it also enacted & establisshed  
 by the auctorite aforesaid / þ euery owner / fermer / or occupper of the said wayes / go-  
 res / & engyns / & euery of þ same do abate / put downe & put away þ same wares go-  
 res & engynes / on this tpe þ fest of Ester next comyng. And þ no maner pson or p-  
 sons frõ hensforth / aryle / leuey or make / any maner / waye / goze & engyn / in þ said  
 hauē betwene þ said places called spathawke & hedwynthremes / vpo payn of. C. lb  
 of laifull englysh money for euery tyme they do þ cõtrary / wherof þ one half shal  
 be to our souereyn lord þ kyng / & the other halfe to him or the þ wyll sue therfore by  
 accion of det / byll / playnt / or informacio in any of þ kynges courtes / wherin þ ptye  
 defendaut shal nat wage his lawe / nor in þ accio / any ellon / lycē / ne pteccyon be  
 allowed. ¶ And further it shalbe laifull at al tymes after þ fest of whytson tpe next  
 comyng to the mayre burgeses & cõmynalte of þ said towne of Newcastle & their  
 successours / to abate / plucke downe / & take away al & euery of þ said wayes / gores  
 and engyns þ shalbe thã foude standyng in any place wth the said porte and hauē  
 betwene the said place of spathawke & hedwynthremes / and that hereafter shall be  
 newly made / leuyed and altered / any where within the same / without trouble / lette  
 or betacyon / of any maner person or persons by sute in the lawe or other wyse.  
 ¶ And vnder alwaye that this acte be nat prejudyciall or hurtfull to any person or  
 persons beyng the kynges subiectes / for beyng shyppyng / lodyng / or bulodyng  
 of any salte or fysh within the said ryuer and porte / or to any of them / or any other  
 person or



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person or persons trespasse to þe said porte/ w<sup>ch</sup> hyppes & marchaūdydes/ for sellenge or byenge of any wares or marchaūdydes nedeful for the bytellyng and amending of their said hyppes at the tyme of their there beyng within the said porte. This acte of any thyng compysed in the same nat withstandyng.

**An acte concernyng auowyes.**

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Here as well the noble men of this realme as dyuers other persons by synes/ recouereys/ grauntes/ and licete feoffementes/ and leases/ made by their tenauntes/ to persons vnkownen of the landes and tenementes holden of them/ haue ben put from þe knowlege of their tenauntes/ vpon whome they sholde by ordre of the lawe make their auowyes for their rentes/ customes/ & terynges/ to their great losses & hynderaunces. ¶ We it therfore enacted/ established and ordeyned/ by auctoite of this þeset p<sup>ar</sup>liamēt/ þe where so euer any maner landes tenites/ or other hereditamētes/ be holden of any maner p<sup>er</sup>son or p<sup>er</sup>sons/ by rent/ customes or seruyces that yf the lord of whome any suche maner landes/ tenites/ or hereditamentes be so holden/ dystayn vpon the same maners landes or tenites for any suche rentes/ customes or seruyces/ and replewyne therof be sued/ þe the lord of whome the same landes/ tenementes/ or hereditamentes so holdē may auowe or by baylyffe or seruaūt make conysaūce or iustifye for takyng of þe said dystrelles vpon þe same lādes/ tenemētes/ or hereditamētes so holden/ as in lādes or tenites within his see or seignorye. Allegynge in þe said auowye/ conysaūce and iustifycacyon the same maners landes and tenemētes/ to be holden of him without namynge of any p<sup>er</sup>son certayne to be tenaūtes of the same/ & wout makynge any auowye/ iustifycaciō/ or conysaūce vpon any person certayne. And lyke wyse the lord/ bayly/ or seruaūt/ to make auowye/ iustifycaciō/ or conysaūce in lyke maner and forme vpon euery wryt/ sued of seconde delyueraunce. ¶ And also be it enacted by the said auctoite þe euery auowant & euery other person or persons þe make any suche auowye/ iustifycacion/ or conysaūce/ as bayly/ or seruaūt/ to any person or persons in any replegiare or seconde delyueraunce for rentes/ customes/ seruyces/ or for damage felaunt/ or other rent or rentes/ vpon any dystrelle taken in any landes or tenites. If þe same auowye conysaūce/ or iustifycacion be founde for them/ or the playntiffes in the same be non sute or other wyse barred/ that than thet shal recouer their damages and costes agaynst þe said playntiffes/ as the same playntiffes sholde haue done or had yf they had recouered in the replegiare or secōde delyueraūce fōūde agayst þe said defēdaūt. ¶ And be it also ordeyned þe the said playntiffes & defēdaūtes in the said wryttes of replegiare/ or wryttes of secōde delyueraunce & in euery of them/ shal haue lyke p<sup>er</sup>plees/ & lyke ayde p<sup>er</sup>ayers in all suche auowyes/ conysaūces & iustifycacions (p<sup>er</sup>plees of dysclaim onely excepte) as they myght haue had before the makynge of this acte/ And as though the said auowye/ conysaūce or iustifycacion had ben made after the due ordre of the comon lawe. And it is further enacted by the said auctoite that all suche persons as by the ordre of the comō lawe may lawfully ioyne to þe playntiffes or defēdaūtes in the said wryttes of replegiare or secōde delyueraunce as well without processe as by processe/ shal from hen<sup>ce</sup>forth ioyne vnto the said playntiffes or defēdaūtes/ as well without processe or by processe/ and to haue lyke p<sup>er</sup>plees and lyke auguntages in all thynges (dysclamer onely excepte) as they myght haue done by the ordre of the comon lawe before the makynge of this acte.

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An acte that the president of the kynges counsell shall be associate with  
the Chauncelloure and Tresourer of Englande/ and the  
keeper of the kynges pryue seale. Ca. xx.

**W**here at a parliament holden at westmyster/ in the thyrde yere of the reygne  
of our late moost dyed souerayne lord kyng Henry the. vii. for as moche as by  
the vnlawful mayntenaunces/ geyung of lyuerys/ lygnes/ tokens and retayn  
ders/ by endetures/ promyses/ othes/ wyrtynge/ or otherwys/ embracerys of his  
subiectes/ vntrew demeanyng of sheryffes/ in makyng of panels/ & other vntrew  
retournes/ by takyng of money/ by Jurys & great crottes & vnlawful assemblies/ &  
polecys & good ruler of this realme was almost lubbued. And for the punysshment of  
these inconuenyentes by the occasiō of the pmysses nothyng or lytell myght be foude  
by enquiry/ wherby & lawes of & lādes in executiō myght take lytell effecte/ whiche  
was the increase of murders, roberyes, piurys, & vnsuertys of all men lyuyng,  
and losses of their lādes & goodes, to the great displeasure of almyghty god. For re-  
formacyon of which pmysses it was ordeyned & enacted by auctoryte of the said par-  
lyament amōgest other thynges & the Chaunceller & tresorer of Englande for & tyme  
beyng, & the keeper of the kyngs pryue seale, or two of them/ callyng to the a byshop  
and a tēporall lord of the kynges most honorable cōcell. And &.ij. chese iustices of  
the kynges benche & the comō place of the tyme beyng, or other.ij. iustices in their  
absēces, byō byll or informatiō, put to the said chaunceller for & kyng, or any other  
agaynst any person for any mylbehauyng afore reherled, sholde haue auctoryte to  
call before the by wyrt or by pryue seale & said myldoers. And they and other by their  
discreccion by whome & trouthe myght be knowe to examyn. And such as they shold  
fynde defectyue to punyshe the after they demerytes/ after the forme & effect of sta-  
tutes therof made, in lyke maner & forme as they sholde & ought to be punysshed yf  
they were therof couycted after & due order of the law, as by & same statute among  
other thynges now playnly doth appere. Neucthelesse in the same good & ppytable  
estatute, the president of the kynges most honorable counsell for the tyme beyng at-  
tendyng vpon his most noble & royall person is admytted, & nat named in the said  
former statutes made in & thyrde yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the. vii. to be one  
of the said persons that sholde haue auctoryte to call before them suche myldoers so  
offendyng the kynges lawes, in any of the pmysses as is before reherled.

**W**he it therfore now by the auctoryte of this p̄sent parliament, ordeyned & enacted  
that from hensforth the Chaunceller, Tresorer of Englande, & the president of the  
kynges moost honorable cōcell attendyng vpon his most honorable person for the  
tyme beyng, & keeper of the kyngs pryue seale or two of them callyng vnto them one  
byshop, & one tēporall lord of the kynges most honorable cōcell. And &.ij. chese  
Iustices of the kyngs benche & the comō place for & tyme beyng, or other.ij. of the  
kynges Iustices in their absence vpon any byll or informatiō hereafter to be put  
in. The Chaunceller of Englande, tresorer, president of the kynges said moost ho-  
norable counsell, or keeper of & kynges pryue seale for the tyme beyng, for any mylbe-  
hauyng before reherled, from hensforth haue full power and auctoryte to call before  
them by wyrt or by pryue seale suche myldoers, and them and other by their discreccion  
by whome the trouthe may be knowen to examyn. And such as they shall fynde de-  
fectyue, to punyshe them after their demerytes. After the forme and effect of & said  
former estatute & of all other estatutes therof tofore made & nat repelled nor expyred  
in lyke



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in lyke matter & fourme as they sholde & ought to be punysshed yf they were therof conuycted after the due orde in þ kynges lawes. And also be it enacted by auctoryte of this present parlyament þ the presydent of the kynges said moost honorable counsell for the tyme beyng/ yf he be than presente/ may be at all tymes hereafter assocypate with the Chauncellour/ Tresourer of Englande/ & keper of þ kynges pryue seale for the tyme beyng/ aswell at þ namynge of sheryffes & lettrynges of pycces of townes as at all other actes lympted & apoynted by any statute to be done by þ sayd Chaunceller & Tresourer/ or keper of the kynges pryue seale for the tyme beyng. Any acte/ statute/ or vble/ here tofore made or vbled to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

**An acte for Wermouth concernynge makynge of Woistedes. Ca. xxi.**



Here at a parlyament holden at London þ. xv. day of Apryl in the xxiij. yere of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is/ and from thens adiourned to weitmynster þ last day of July/ in þ. xv. yere of our said souerayn lord & there ended. It was ordeyned/ enacted & establyshed/ that þ craftes men called Woisted weuers/ inhabtyed in the towne of great yermouth sholde haue power & auctoryte by that acte/ from thens forwarde to elect and chose yerely for euer on the monday next after the feest of Penthecost/ one honest man of þ mystry & occupacyon of Woisted weuers/ beyng a housholder within the said towne of great yermouth/ and hauyng of his propre goodes & cattels to the value of. x. li. at the least/ or landes and tenementes to his owne vble of estate of free holde at þ lest to the clere yerely value of. xx. s. to be wardeyn of the same crafte & mystry of woisted weuers for the yere nett ensuyng/ whiche man so electe and cholen shold personally appere before the mayre of the cyte of Norwiche for the tyme beyng/ the monday next after the feest of Corpus christi than nett ensuyng/ than and there to be swoorne and charged by lyke othe concernynge the trewe and substancypall makynge of woistedes/ sayes/ and stamyns/ within the said towne of great yermouth/ as þ four wardeyns of the said cyte of Norwiche by vertue of an acte of parlyament made in the vij. yere of kyng Edward the fourth/ were charged and swoorne for þ same cyte of Norwiche/ and yf the said Mayre happened to be absent/ the said monday next after Corpus christi/ or els thā refused to receyue or take þ said othe. Then the said warden so electe within. iij. dayes next after the same monday/ shold come before þ baylyffes of the said towne of great yermouth for the tyme beyng/ or before one of them the other beyng absent. And than & there receyue a corporall othe for the trewe exercysyng of the same office of warden shyp/ after the tenour of þ othe accustomedly vbled to be gyuen to the said wardens of the said cyte of Norwiche. And than the said warden of the said towne of great yermouth for þ tyme beyng so elect and swoorne/ myght ordeyn & appoynt a seale with this letter. y. to be grauen in the same seale/ & myght haue full power & auctoryte/ to bypwe/ lerce/ seale/ & seale in leade with the same seale so to be appoynted and engraueu/ & none other/ all woistedes/ sayes/ & stamyns/ within the said towne of yermouth & subarbes of the same made or to be made/ & nat els where/ in as large & ample maner as þ said wardens of þ said cyte of Norwiche & the wardens of the countye of Norff. or any of them had within the said cyte or countye/ or in any wyse may do in that behalfe by auctoryte or

**E. liij. vertue of**

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bertue of the afore remembred act made in þe said. vij. yere of kyng. Edward the. iiii. Any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary nat with standynge ¶ And þe no person inhabited within the said towne of great yermouth or subarbes therof shold weue any worstedes/sayes/or stampys / within the same towne / except he be an Englyshe man borne / & had ben apprentyce to the said occupacion / and wout he weued there suche propre markes as sholde be lymptted & appoynted by the said warden of the said towne for the tyme beyng electe & swozne as is aforesaid / vpon payne of forfeiture therof to þe kyng our souerayn lord. And þe euery warden of þe said towne sholde lympt / distyncte / & seuerall markes to euery of the said worsted weuers of the same towne of great yermouth. And þe same markes by þe said warden to be regystred in a boke. And also it was further enacted þe yf & whan so euer the towne of Lynne sholde be inhabited w. x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders exerceyng & vlyng þe said craft or mystry of worsted weuers thā & fro thenforth / þe is to say as longe as þe same towne of Lynne sholde be inhabited w. the nōbre of. x. such householders at þe least / it sholde be lefull to þe same inhabitants of þe said towne of Lynne yerely in the monday next after the feest of þe thecost / to elect & chole of the selfe one warden of the said craft & mystry of worsted weuers to be of the value in lades & goodes as is aforesaid of the wardeyn of yermouth / whiche warden so elect shold yerely be swozne & charged at the said cyte of Norwiche / in lyke maner and at lyke day as is before lymptted to the wardens of yermouth / or in defaute of the said Mayre of Norwiche / thā the said warden so to be elect for þe said towne of Lynne / to take a corporall othe before þe mayre of þe said towne of Lynne / within suche tyme & after suche forme as is before lymptted vnto the said warden of yermouth.

¶ And þe the said wardeyn of the said towne of Lynne / for the tyme beyng so electe & swozne by hymselfe / myght ordeyn & appoynt a seale with this letter A. to be grauen in þe same seale / & myght haue full power & auctorite to byew / serche / seale / and seale in leade / with the same seale so to be grauen / & w. none other / all worstedes / sayes / & stampys / within the said towne of Lynne & subarbes of the same / made or to be made / & nat els wher / in as large and ample maner as the said warden of the said cyte of Norwiche / & wardeyne of the said countye of Norff. or any of them had within the said cyte or countye / or otherwys myght do by auctorite or bertue of the aforesaid acte / made in the said. vij. yere of kyng Edward the fourth. Any thyng conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandynge. And that no persone inhabited within the said towne of Lynne or subarbes therof / sholde make any worstedes / sayes / or stampys within the same towne / excepte he were Englyshe borne & had ben apprentyce to the same occupacyon / & without he weued therein suche proper marke as sholde be lymptted and appoynted by the said wardeyne of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beyng / vpon payne & forfeiture therof to the kyng our souerayn lord. And þe euery wardeyn of the same towne sholde lympt / distyncte & seuerall markes to euery of the said worsted weuers of the same towne. And the same markes by the said wardeyn to be regystred in a boke

¶ And it was further enacted that frome the feest of saynt Myghell the archangell than next folowynge / vnto suche tyme as the said towne of Lynne sholde be inhabited with the said nombre of ten householders of the said craft of worsted weuers and alwayes after whan the nombre of. x. householders sholde happen to sayle / and nat be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne / the said wardeyns of the sayde cyte of Norwiche



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of Norwiche and their successours holde procure and cause one of theyn selves / or  
 one of the wardynes of the sayde crafte of the sayde countye of Norff. personally  
 to come and be every. xxviii. daye frome and after the sayde feest of saynt Myghell  
 the archaungel / in / and to the sayd towne of Lynne / or within. vi. dayes next after  
 euery suche. xxviii. daye / And there to cōtinue & abyde by so longe tyme as he myght  
 ferche and seale all suche woostedes / sayes / & stampys / made in the same towne of  
 Lynne / as than sholde be broughte to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole  
 daye. And the said inhabytauntes of woostede weuers of the same towne of Lynne  
 beyng / sholde contente and paye to the sayde wardynes of Norwiche or Norff.  
 whiche sholde soe come to Lynne in the sayde. xxviii. daye or within the lyke dayes  
 nexte after the. xxviii. daye / for his costes and expences for euery tyme that he sholde  
 so come to Lynne betwene the feestes of saynt Myghel the archangel / and the An  
 nuncyacyon of our Lady saynt Marye. iii. s. And for euery tyme that he sholde soe  
 come to the sayde towne of Lynne / betwene the feest of the Annuncyacyon of our  
 Lady / and the feest of saynt Myghell the archaungell. ii. s. And yf the sayd inhaby  
 tauntes of woosted weuers of the said towne of Lynne dyd nat contente and paye  
 to the said wardyne commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesayd for his sayde costes  
 and charges the sayd. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue lymyted. Than the same inhaby  
 tates sholde forseyte and paye to the sayde wardyne or to his executores / for euery  
 suche defaute of payment. xl. s. And yf none of the sayde wardynes of Norwiche &  
 Norfolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesayd in maner and  
 fourme aboue remembred that the sayde wardynes of the sayde cytye of Norwiche  
 sholde forseyte and paye to the sayd inhabytauntes of Lynne of the sayde mysterye  
 of woosted weuers / for euery suche defaute. xl. s. for recompente of the penaltye and  
 forseytes / the sayd wardynes of Norwiche or Norfolke beyng therunto entytuled  
 by that acte by his propre name with this addicyon / that is to saye (Unius gardiano  
 rii or nup bnius garniano rii artis siue misterie tertorum pannii lanei vocat woosted  
 in ciuitate Norwiche / vel com Norff. As the trouthe requyeth / shold & myght haue ac  
 cyon of det / by wyrt / byll / or playnt / in any cōpetent or lawfull court of this realme /  
 agaynst the inhabytauntes of Lynne / of the sayde mysterye for the tyme beyng by  
 their sondry propre names. And the sayde inhabitantes by their said uames w this  
 addicyon. Tertorum pannii lanei vocat woostedes inhabitates ville de Lynne / sholde  
 & myght haue lyke accion of det agaynst the said wardynes of Norwiche by þ name  
 of gardiani arti siue misterie tertorum pannorum laneorum vocat woosted / in fra ci  
 uitate Norwici / vel com Norff. to be vsed to good congruytees of laten / & fourme of  
 the lawes of this realme / in whiche accyons or any of them non esson / protection /  
 or wager of lawe sholde be suffred or alowed. And þ the pertyculer bodys or goodes  
 of any of these said wardyns or inhabitautes beyng condempned in any of the said  
 accions shold & myght be put in execucion after suche maner & fourme as is vsed in  
 accion of det by cours of the comō law of this realme. And mozeouer it was enacted  
 þ all clothes of woostedes / sayes / & stampys / made wthin any of the sayde townes of  
 Lynne & great permouth / or subarbes of the same or any of them / & marked w such  
 markes as sholde be lymyted to þ markers of þ said wardes of þ said towne in maner  
 & fourme as is aboue said. And bywoted & sealed by any of þ wardes of þ said townes  
 of Lynne & permouth in fourme remebred / by force & vertue of þ said acte / myght be  
 lausfully put to sale by þ ownness & makers of the same without any other makynge or  
 sealynge

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sealyng vpon the same clothes or vpon any of them to be had or made of or vpon any of the said clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes. Any thyng contayned in the said. vii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth to the contrary nat withstandyng. And ouer this it was enacted that euery craftes man of the said mystry & occupa-  
cyon of woosted makynge, dwellynge within any of the said townes of Lynne and permouth, & subarbes of the same at their owne fre wylls & lybertyes from then-  
forth for ever, myght haue & take apprentyce, or apprentyes beyng male of the age of. xiiij. yeres & vnder, and beyng the kynges naturall subiectes for terme of les-  
uen yeres, and nat vnder, so that none of the excede the nombre of two at ones to  
lerne, vse, & exercise the said crafte within eyther of the said two townes of Lynne  
and great permouth and subarbes of the same. All be it the father of the said appren-  
tyce or apprentyes myght nat expende in land or tenementes to the yerely value of  
xx. s. Any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made nat withstandyng.

And prouyded alway that the same acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, sholde nat  
in any wyse be hurtfull or prejudyciall to the Mayre of Norwiche or to his success-  
four, or to the wardens of the said cyte or countye, or to their successors in any poynt,  
artycle, power or auctorite, other than for weuyng, serchyng, and sealyng of wo-  
stedes, sayes, & stamyns, made or to be made onely within the said townes of Lynne  
& permouth, or subarbes of the same, or to any of them. And for lymyttynge of mar-  
kes to the marker of woostedes, sayes, & stamyns, onely inhabyted in eyther of the  
said townes or subarbes therof. And takynge of appretices in fourme aboue remem-  
bred. But that the said Mayre of the said cyte of Norwiche and wardeyns of the  
same cyte and countye, and euery of them myght haue and vse all other poyntes ar-  
tycles, powers, & auctorites, conteyned and specyfied in the aboue remembred ac-  
made in the said seuenth yere of kyng Edward the. iiii. As well for the serche, sea-  
lyng, correccyon, & reformacyon of the said wardens newly to be electe by the vertue  
of the same acte. And euery of them accordyng, & after suche forme as they myght  
do or vse. Any of the said wardens of the said cyte or countye by force of the said acte  
made in the said. vii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth. As all and euery other en-  
queries, correccyons, serches, sealynges, & reformacyons to be had for the trewe ma-  
kyng of woostedes, sayes, stamyns, in, and vpon any person or persons as well  
within the said townes of Lynne and permouth as without, without trouble, let, or vexa-  
cyon of any of the inhabytautes of the said towne, in as large & ample wyse as they  
myght haue done before the makynge of the said acte. Any thyng conteyned in the  
same acte to the contrary nat withstandyng.

And also it was further prouyded & enacted that the sayde craftes men of woosted  
weuers, inhabyted, or after that to be inhabyted within eyther of the sayde townes of  
Lynne & permouth or subarbes of the same. And the marchautes or any other per-  
son or persons whiche sholde happen to bye of the same craftes men or any of them  
or any other person, any of the said clothes of woostedes, sayes, stamyns, made or to  
be made within eyther of the said townes of Lynne and permouth, and sealed by  
the said wardeyns of the same townes, to be electe and sowne as is aforesayde.  
And any of them sholde nat there, dye, or put in colout, or kalender, any woosted,  
stamyns, or sayes, made, or after that to be made within eyther of the said townes  
of Lynne and permouth, or subarbes of the same, in any other place or places,  
but onely



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but only within the said cyte of **Roꝛwiche** oꝛ subarbes of the same; upon payne of foꝛ  
feiture of every pece of woꝛstede, sayes, oꝛ stamyns, to be made within any of the  
said towne of **Lynne** & **permouth** oꝛ subarbes of þe same; oꝛ þe value therof, **thorne**,  
**dyed**, **coloured**, oꝛ **kalendꝛed**, by any of the said craftes men / byers oꝛ marchauntes  
in any other place oꝛ places than in the said cyte of **Roꝛwiche**; oꝛ subarbes of þe same  
The one halfe therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, & the other halfe therof  
to suche person oꝛ persons as sholde seale the same, so þe the said woꝛstedes brought  
to the said cyte of **Roꝛwiche** to be **thorne**, **dyed**, **coloured** and **kalendꝛed**, without co-  
uyn oꝛ crafte of any of the said inhabytauntes & marchauntes, myght be **thorne**, **dyed**,  
**coloured**, & **kalendꝛed**, at and by as conuenient pyce oꝛ pyces, and in as redy wyse  
as the said inhabytauntes of eyther of the said towne of **Lynne** & **permouth**; and  
marchauntes, byers, of the said woꝛstedes oꝛ other of the said cyte and countye, had  
had in tymes past, oꝛ after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes &  
marchauntes, & euery of them so byngynge the sayde woꝛstedes to the same cyte to  
be **thorne**, **dyed**, **coloured**, and **kalendꝛed**, were reasonably and laufully entreated  
accoꝛdyng to þe said acte made in the sayd. vii. yere of kynge **Edward** the. iiii. & the  
ordenaunce made and assymed / oꝛ thereafter to be made & assymed foꝛ þe said mystery  
without let oꝛ dysturbaunce contrary to the same acte oꝛ ordenaunces in that behalfe.  
¶ And it was further enacted þe no pson oꝛ persones anytyme after þe shulde couey  
oꝛ transporte into any of the parties of beyonde the see, any maner of clothes of woꝛ-  
stedes before the same clothes were **thorne**, **dyed**, **coloured**, and **kalendꝛed** vpo payn  
of foꝛfeiture the value therof. The one halfe to the kynge our souerayne lord / & the  
other halfe to the partye that wyll sue therfore by action of playnt of dette in any of  
the kynges courtes. In whiche accyon oꝛ sute no protection oꝛ esloyn sholde be al-  
wed, noꝛ the defender admytted to wage his lawe. As by the sayde acte therof made  
moze playnly appereth; whiche acte was made to endure vnto the next parlyament  
wherby it is now expyred.

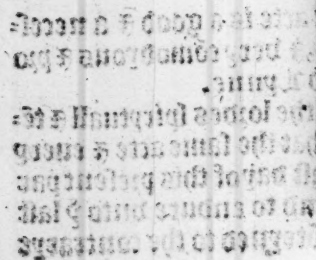
¶ In consyderacyon wherof and foꝛ as moche as the same acte is a good & a neces-  
sary acte foꝛ þe true makynge of woꝛstedes, sayes, & stamyns, & very comodous & pro-  
fytable foꝛ the encrease of the said towne of **permouth** and **Lynne**.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by þe kynge our souerayne lord & the lordes spirytuall & te-  
porall, & the comons in this presente parlyament assembled, that the same acte & euery  
artycle, sentence, & pꝛouysson, therin conteyned, fro the fyrst day of this present par-  
lyament, be & stande in full strength, bettue and effecte. And to endure vnto þe last  
ende of þe nexte parlyament, any thyng in the same acte cōteyned to the contrary  
nat withstandynge.

**Cum privilegio regali.**

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